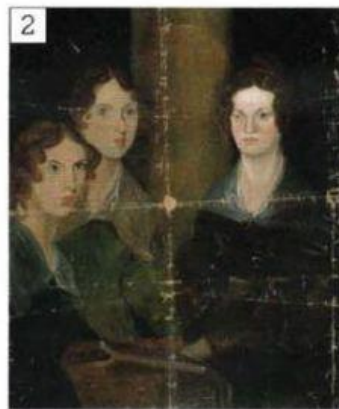


READING ACTIVITY

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Exercise N° 2: read the texts again and listen to three audio guide extracts. (Leer los textos otra vez y escuchar los tres extractos de audio)

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Exercise N° 3: answer the questions below. (Responder las preguntas abajo)

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- 6- What was her first famous film?