

# ART CRITICISM

## A Way to Talk About Art

### DESCRIPTION

The Facts – Elements of Art

Describe what you see in the artwork

Title of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

(oil, acrylic, watercolor, bronze, pencil, etc.)

Objects in the artwork \_\_\_\_\_

(people, animals, buildings, trees, sky,

rocks, water, vehicles, food, clothes)

What kinds of lines do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

(thick, thin, curved, jagged, straight, spiral,

vertical, horizontal, diagonal, fuzzy)

What kinds of shapes do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

(circles, rectangles, squares, triangles,

angular, curved, hard edged, soft edged)

What kinds of textures do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

(rough, smooth, soft, dull, hard, shiny)

What kinds of colors do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

(bright, dark, soft, strong

warm - red, orange, yellow

cool - blue, green, violet

neutral - brown, black, white, gray

complementary - opposite colors

red/green, blue/orange, yellow/violet)

### ANALYSIS

The Design – How is the artwork organized?

Principles of Art

What is the focal point of the artwork?

The first thing you see is \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of balance is used?

\_\_\_\_ Symmetrical - same on both sides

\_\_\_\_ Asymmetrical - different on each side

Where is the light coming from? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the darkest part of the artwork? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the artwork show an illusion of space?

(Deep space - see for miles

Shallow space - cannot see very far

Flat space - no space )

What is repeated in the artwork? \_\_\_\_\_

(Lines, Shapes, Colors)

Draw what is repeated.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a sketch of the artwork or focal point.



### INTERPRETATION

The Meaning – What is the purpose or meaning of the Artwork?

What is happening in the artwork? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the artist trying to say? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the artist concerned with imitating nature?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the artist concerned with expressing a feeling or emotion? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the artist concerned with lines, shapes, colors, textures, design and composition? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does the title of the artwork tell you about the meaning or purpose of the artwork? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What words describe the meaning of this artwork?

(beauty, excitement, strength, love, mystery,

enjoyment of work, happiness, fun, hope,

adventure, loneliness, sadness, anger,

exhaustion, war, peace, fear, courage,

simplicity of design, complexity of design)

### JUDGMENT

Judge the Artwork - This is your Opinion

Which of the following theories best describes the artwork?

\_\_\_\_ Imitationism (imitating nature)

\_\_\_\_ Emotionalism (showing a feeling or emotion)

\_\_\_\_ Formalism (making the viewer aware of lines, shapes, colors or design)

Do you like the artwork? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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