

Step by Step Guide to Analysing Artwork

<p>Who What When and Where</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Determine the facts about the art that you are viewing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who did it, What is the name of the artist? When and where did the artist live?</p>
<p>Methods and Material</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What is it made of and how was it accomplished?</p> <p>Is it carved wood, welded steel, cast bronze, chiselled stone? Is it made of multiple materials that are glued, nailed and screwed together? Is it a painting? Is it on canvas, paper, fabric, wood or some other material?</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Describe the subject</p> <p>What is it? Is it a portrait, landscape, sculpture of an animal, abstract, assemblage or is it a functional object like jewellery, pottery or furniture. Is it a picture of something? Is it just colour on canvas? Does it depict an event or tell a story. Write a short paragraph thoroughly describing the work.</p>
<p>Artist's Statement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Can you find an artist's statement or short biography?</p> <p>Artists will often write a statement telling you what they were trying to accomplish or say with their work. Make note of any influences that the artist might mention.</p>
<p>Opinions and Reactions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Write how you feel about the piece.</p> <p>What is your reaction? Avoid saying whether you "like" it or "hate" it. Are you offended by it? Is it serene or chaotic? Is it dark and disturbing? Is it whimsical, decorative, colourful, interesting, dull, boring, trite, cliché, and common. Does it make you angry or make you smile. This is the time to make notes on your own personal reaction to the work.</p>