

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? _____

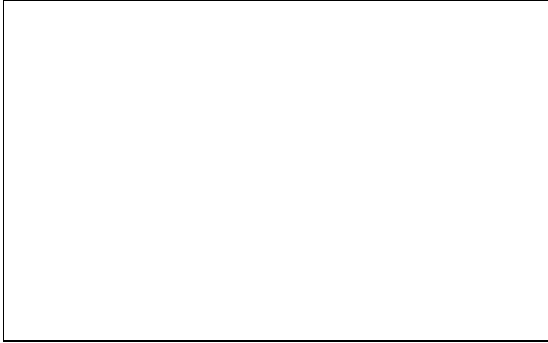
(Lines, Shapes, Colors)

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? _____

