

Observation Think Sheet

Closely observing historical and contemporary artworks encourages critical thinking skills. Use this “think sheet” to promote students’ examination of artwork with the four domains of art criticism: Description, Analysis, Interpretation, and Judgment.

DESCRIPTION



What kind of things do you see in the artwork? How would you describe them? What information can you get from the credit line?

ANALYSIS



What Elements and/or Principles did the artist use? Where do you notice them? What makes you notice them first?

INTERPRETATION



What do you think this piece is about? Does the title fit? Pretend you can climb inside. How does the painting feel? How does it make you feel? Do you agree with the choice of medium?

JUDGMENT



What should other people notice about this work? What would you do with it if you owned it? What is worth remembering about this picture?