

name: \_\_\_\_\_

artist:

# art critique

Title:

Date:

Use these steps to help you critique a piece of art, think, look, decide

## 1. Describe

What things do you see in the art work? Describe the elements of art.

Identify materials used (techniques too).

Identify genre (portrait, still life, landscape, abstract?)

Explain everything you see, even if you don't know what it is.

## 2. analyze

How are lines, shapes, colors, and textures used in the piece of art?

Find examples of unity through repetition. Look for a center of interest (focal point/ eye grabber) Is there one? What is it?

## 3. interpret

What is going on in the artwork?

What is the purpose of the piece?

What is the artist saying?

## 4. Decide/Evaluate

Do you like this piece of art-WHY or WHY NOT?

Is this a quality piece of art? Why?

What is the best thing about this piece?

What is the worst thing about this piece?

Is the artist successful? Why?

## STEP 1: Describe

List everything you see, even if you don't know what it is. Ask yourself:

- What do I see?
- What colors are used?
- What shapes are visible?
  - Where is the scene
  - What is the scene?
- Are there any unknown objects?

## STEP 2: analyze

Explain how what you see is being used in the piece of art. Ask yourself:

- How are the lines used?
- How are the shapes working?
- How are textures effective?
- Are the colors/values appealing?
- How does the viewer's eye move around the piece?

## STEP 3: interpret

What is going on in the artwork?

Ask yourself:

- What do I see happening?
- How does this make me feel?
- What is the most important part of the piece?
  - Why did the artist create this piece?
- What does this art "say" to me?

## STEP 4: Decide

Do you like this piece of art?

Why or Why? Ask yourself:

- What do I like about this piece?
  - What did the artist do best?
  - What do I dislike about this piece?
- What would I change if I were the artist?