

# CRITIQUE

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**ARTIST** – Please write a brief statement below about what we, your critics, are looking at and/or can expect to see when you are done.

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**ART CRITICS** – Use the following prompts to critique *(on post its only)* the art you are looking at:

*(Please provide 1 post it Per Number = 4 total)*

1. **Description:** Look at the artwork and describe what you see using objective, factual words
  - a. What is recognizable about the artwork?
  - b. Using the ELEMENTS of Art & Design, what qualities do you see?
    - i. Line, Shape, Color, Value, Texture, Positive/Negative Space
2. **Analysis:** Analysis means you look for relationships among the visual elements. To describe this use the Principles of Design.
  - a. Emphasis: Is there a dominant element or one you see first? Why?
  - b. Balance: Is there a special balance, or visual “weight” among the elements? What mood is present?
  - c. Proportion: Do the proportions look normal, ideal or unusual?
  - d. Pattern: Are the elements repeated to create a pattern? Where? Why?
  - e. Rhythm or Movement: What visual rhythms or paths of movement do your eyes follow? Where? Why?
  - f. Unity and Variety: What elements bring together, or unify, many parts of the design? What elements add variety? Why do you think?
3. **Interpretation:** Use the information you have gathered to tell what the work means to you.
  - a. What does the work make you think or feel when you look at it?
  - b. Do you think that this work is successful, what kinds of reasons can you give?
4. **Judgement:** Give your opinion on the work’s overall achievement or failure
  - a. What parts of the work make you feel it is a success or failure?
  - b. How unique is the work? Why do you feel it is or isn’t?