



LOOKING AT ART IN FOUR STEPS

DESCRIPTION * ANALYSIS * INTERPRETATION * JUDGEMENT

1. **Description:** What do you see? Describe the artwork. Think about the elements of art (line, shape, value, form, texture, space, and color). What is its size? What is the subject? Can you tell what it is made of?
2. **Analysis:** How is the work created? Think about the elements of design (contrast, balance, emphasis, movement, unity, pattern, rhythm). How did the artist draw in your attention to certain things?
3. **Interpretation:** What is the artist trying to communicate? List words or ideas that come to mind when you look at this object. Why does this object make you think about those words? Is there a story behind this object? Look at the Artist's Statement for clues to interpret the art.
4. **Judgment:** Is this a successful work of art? On a personal level, do you like the work? What associations can you make? Did the artist succeed in matching his/her intent match with his/her use of materials, techniques, composition of the elements of art, content, etc.?