

Critical Thinking Questions for the Arts

Description

WHO?

Who created this?
Who was this created for (audience)?

WHAT?

What is the title of the piece?
What is the subject matter?
What materials or techniques were used?

WHEN?

When was it created?
Does it link to an art/philosophical movement?

WHERE?

Where was this created?
Where was it exhibited?

Critical Analysis

WHY?

Why was it created (purpose)?
Why is this a significant example?

HOW?

How is a certain mood/atmosphere created?
How can it be interpreted (message or narrative)?
How are the visual elements used for effect?
How is the image composed?

SO WHAT?

So what am I saying about this overall?
Which aspects are effective or problematic? Why?
So what reaction did the piece receive?

WHAT NEXT?

What further research could be done?
What steps will I take next in my practice?