



Art Analysis Worksheet

Title:

Artist:

Artist Background:

Birthplace, Birth and Death Dates: _____

What do we know about the artist's life? (for example, family life, education, artistic training)

Visual Analysis:

When was this piece created? Are there any marks or writing on the piece that give us any information?

What materials is the piece made out of? Is there anything unusual about the materials?

What medium is the piece of art? What category does the piece fall under (painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramic, metal work, other)? Is the piece an original or a reproduction? How can you tell?

Turn your attention to the piece as a whole. Take a few minutes to look at the artwork in its entirety and answer the following questions.

How does the artist use color? Are there stark contrasts or is it blended? Are there symbolic meanings behind the color choices?

Are the forms in the piece realistic or abstract? Are they fully one style or do they mix the two?

Describe the initial emotions do you feel when viewing the artwork? Try to list 3 adjectives that describe how you feel while looking at this piece.

List the specific items that you can identify in the piece.

People

Buildings

Objects

Activities

Look at the artwork again and record any symbols (for example: flags, weapons, jewelry, animals) you find and what you think they might mean.

Symbol

Meaning

List anything new that you discovered by viewing the details of the piece of artwork.

What questions would ask the artist about their work?

Artistic Context:

What is the setting of the artwork (where is it)?

Why do you think was the intention or purpose of the work?

What factors influenced the creation and appearance of the work (education, art movement, religion, politics, history, etc.)?

What literary, art, film, or music connections can you make to the artwork?

Visual Primary Source Analysis

What does this piece tell us about the time period in which it was created? (Be sure to think about a wide range of possibilities. Consider faces, poses, clothing, hairstyles, symbols, politics, religion, economics, materials used, who the piece was created for, etc.)
