

Name _____ Date _____ Teacher _____

LOOKING AT ART ART CRITICISM

ART CRITICISM is a specific way of looking at art that will help you to better understand works of art and why they have become important.

ART CRITICISM INVOLVES 4 STEPS:

1) DESCRIBE IT 2) ANALYZE IT 3) INTERPRET IT 4) DECIDE.

With your table group study the artwork and answer the following questions.

DESCRIBE IT

What is the name of the artist? _____

What is the name of the artwork? _____

List the important things you see. _____

What colors do you see? _____

How did the artist use space in the artwork? _____

ANALYZE IT

What is the first thing you see (the focal point)? _____

What things contrast (things that are different)? _____

Where is there a sense of movement? _____

INTERPRET IT

What ideas do you think this work of art expresses? _____

Describe the event in American history that this work illustrates. _____

What feelings do you have when you look at this artwork? _____

DECIDE

Do you like this artwork? Why? _____

Why is it an important piece of art? _____
