

# 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?