



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 4 Steps of Art Criticism

**Instructions:** Use the prompts below to write about the artwork.

Artwork Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist/Culture: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Description** Describe the physical characteristics and contents of the work of art.

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**2. Analysis** Analyze how the art is organized, using the elements of art (Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Value, Space, Form) and the principles of design (Contrast, Emphasis, Unity, Movement, Variety, Pattern, Proportion, Balance) as a guide.

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**3. Interpretation** Discuss how an artwork makes you think or feel and what you think the message, idea, or mood of the artwork might be.

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**4. Evaluation** Form a judgment or opinion.

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