

**"Be A Critic" Writing Activity**

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**1. What makes an art work good?**

**Write quickly, the first things that come to your mind.**

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**2. Pick one criteria from your list (or one that you heard from another person) and circle it. Using that criteria for good art, look around the galleries and select two artworks:**

**criteria, or doesn't, based on what you see in the work. Do this for both artworks you have chosen.**

**Artist name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Begin writing a short essay about one (or a comparison of both) of the artworks you selected as if you were an art critic. You should express your opinion about whether you think it is good art or not. Make sure you support your judgment with the criteria you selected.**

**4. Using a blank sheet of paper, do the following:**

- a. Choose a work of art that appeals to you and make a thumbnail sketch. You may include all or part of the image you have chosen.**
- b. Draw a second thumbnail, combining some elements from your first sketch with some original ideas of your own.**
- c. Repeat this process two more times using two other works of art. When finished, you will have three pairs of sketches to use in developing some new ideas for your own artwork.**