Art Analysis Worksheet

Title: Artist:

1. What category does the art fall under? (Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramic, Metal Work, other) How can you tell?

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2. 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.
   a. How does the artist use color? Are there stark contrasts or is it blended? Are there symbolic meanings behind the color choices?
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   b. Are the forms in the piece realistic or abstract? Are they fully one style or do they mix the two?
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   c. How does the art “work?” How do the details in the piece used to express its meaning?
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   d. Describe the initial emotions you feel when viewing the art. Then list any adjectives that describe how you feel while looking at the art. You must come up with 5.
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3. Take a closer look at the artwork. Divide the image into equal sections of 4. Closely study each individual section and fill in the following chart one section at a time.

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4. Look at each section of art again and record any symbols (ex: flag, weapons, jewelry, animals) you find and what you think they might mean.

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5. List anything new that you discovered by viewing the painting in sections instead of as a whole.

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6. Based on the information above, write a paragraph about this artwork. (Provide a detailed message about what the artwork is trying to express.)

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7. What questions would ask the artist about the artwork? (You must have at least 3 questions.)

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Historical Analysis Worksheet

Artist Background
1. Birthplace, Birth and Death Dates

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2. What do we know about the artist’s life? (Ex: Family life, education, artistic training)
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3. What works of art is your artist best known for? Include a brief description of each piece. (Try to discover at least 3.)
a. ________________________________________________________________________________________________

b. ________________________________________________________________________________________________

c. ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Historical Information about Your Piece of Art
1. When was this piece created?

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2. Was there a patron who commissioned the piece to be created? (Who was the piece created for?)
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3. What materials is the piece made out of? Is there anything unusual about the materials?
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4. Where is the piece today? How can the public see the piece?
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5. What is the history of the piece? (How has the piece changed hands over time? Who has been in possession of it?)
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Visual Primary Source Analysis

1. 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.)

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Renaissance Art Analysis Project - AA

Overview:
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Schedule:
Friday, Nov. 19
- Project introduction
- Handout of artwork
- Start Art Analysis Worksheet

Monday, Nov. 22 –
- Handout of artwork
- Complete Art Analysis Worksheet

Tuesday, Nov. 23 – Class will meet at front library tables.
- BOOK research
- We will be using the library for printed material research. You are required to use at least TWO printed materials as sources for your project.
- A cart will be provided with books already pulled about the Renaissance and Renaissance Artists.
- You will work on completing Historical Analysis Worksheet and Visual Primary Source Analysis.
- As you record your information, be sure to record your sources in your works cited templates.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 – Class will meet at computer lab in the library.
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- Library Book and Internet research.
- Printed materials will still be available. We will also have access to computers for internet research.
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Monday, Nov. 29 – We will meet in class.
- Writing day. We will be working on constructing our rough drafts in class.

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- You will be putting together your visual presentations.

Format:
You will be constructing a powerpoint presentation, your presentation must include the following:
1. Introduction slide
2. Artist Background (1 paragraph)
3. Historical Analysis (1 paragraph)
4. Primary Source Analysis (1 paragraph)
5. Personal Critique of Piece (1 paragraph)
6. Bibliography slide
7. 3 visuals (pictures)

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