

ANALYZE A PHOTOGRAPH

What do I see?

1. Quickly scan the photo. What do you notice first?

2. What type of photo is it? Can be more than one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> portrait | <input type="checkbox"/> family | <input type="checkbox"/> aerial | <input type="checkbox"/> posed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> documentary | <input type="checkbox"/> panoramic | <input type="checkbox"/> architectural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> event | <input type="checkbox"/> selfie | <input type="checkbox"/> action | <input type="checkbox"/> candid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: | _____ | | |

3. What is the subject matter? What is the image about?

4. Who and what are in the image?

Describe people, objects, spaces, or activities that you see in the picture.

5. Who do you think took the photo?

6. Where is it from? Are there any clues to where it was taken?

7. When is it from? Are there any clues to when it was taken? What was happening at this time in history?

8. Are there any clues to why it was taken?

How does it make me feel?

9. What is your emotional response to the image?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> peace/serenity | <input type="checkbox"/> energy | <input type="checkbox"/> love | <input type="checkbox"/> pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> anger | <input type="checkbox"/> sadness | <input type="checkbox"/> loneliness | <input type="checkbox"/> excitement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> uneasiness | <input type="checkbox"/> compassion | <input type="checkbox"/> happiness | <input type="checkbox"/> freedom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: | _____ | | |

10. How are the following techniques affect your response?

COLOR

how are they used in the image?
what effect do they have on you?
is there a dominant color?
are warm colors or cool colors used in th image?
do dark tones or light have more prominence?
how vibrant the colors are?

ANGLE

what is the vantage point or direction from which the artist photographs the subject?

SYMBOLS

are there any symbols used in the image?
what do you think they represent?
are the colors symbolic?

LIGHT

what type of lighting is used?
what mood does it create?
is there a strong light source?

FOCUS

are there blurred (out-of-focus) areas?
what the photo is focusing on?
does focus support the illusion of depth?
does focusing help to emphasize an area?

FRAMING

is framing technique used in the image?
do some parts of the scene draw your attention to a certain area?

COMPOSITION

is there a focal point?
are left and right sides of the image visually balanced?
do any visual elements repeat?
is there a flow in the composition?

What is the image trying to tell me?

11. What questions does this photograph raise in your mind?

12. Based on what you have observed, what can you infer from this photograph?

Caption

13. Based on your reflection to the photograph, write (or find a quote or a message) to use as a caption for this photograph.