

Image Analysis Guiding Questions

OBSERVE: Identify and note details

- What type of image is this (photo, painting, illustration, poster, etc.)?
- What do you notice first? Describe what else you see.
- What's happening in the image?
- What people and objects are shown? How are they arranged? How do they relate to each other?
- What is the physical setting? Is place important?
- What, if any, words do you see?
- Are there details that suggest the time period this image relates to? • What other details can you see?

REFLECT: Generate and test hypotheses

- Why do you think this image was made? What might have been the creator's purpose? What evidence supports your theory?
- Why do you think the creator chose to include these particular details? What might have been left out of the picture?
- Who do you think was the audience for this image?
- What do you think the creator might have wanted the audience to think or feel?
- What do you feel when looking at this image?
- Does this image show clear bias? If so, towards what or whom? What evidence supports your conclusion?
- What was happening during the time period this image represents? If someone made this image today, what would be different/the same?
- What did you learn from examining this image? Does any new information you learned contradict or support your prior knowledge about the topic or theme of this image?

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