

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT

- 1. What's going on in this artwork?
- 2. What was your first reaction to this artwork? Why do you think you had the reaction?
- 3. Does your opinion about the artwork change the longer you look at it? Why?
- 4. Describe the lines in this artwork.
- 5. Describe the colors in the artwork.
- 6. Which area of the artwork is emphasized by the artist? Why?
- 7. Which area of the artwork is most important? Why?
- 8. How did this artist use space?
- 9. How did the artist use balance?
- 10. How did the artist use proportion?
- 11. How does your eye move through the artwork? What choices did the artist make to make that happen?
- 12. Close your eyes and describe the artwork from memory. Why did you remember what you remembered? Why did you forget what you forgot?
- 13. How would you describe this artwork to someone who has never seen it?
- 14. What elements of this painting seem real?
- 15. What adjectives would you use to describe this artwork?
- 16. What verbs would you use to describe this artwork?
- 17. What elements seem dreamlike or imaginary?
- 18. What is strange about this painting?
- 19. What is mysterious about this artwork?
- 20. What it normal about this artwork?
- 21. What is boring about this artwork?
- 22. Why is this artwork **not** boring to look at?
- 23. What is exciting about this artwork?
- 24. If this painting had sound effects, what would they sound like?
- 25. If this artwork was a brand, what would be its slogan?



- 26. What is missing from this artwork?
- 27. If this artwork were music, what would it sound like?
- 28. If this artwork could dance, what song would it dance to?
- 29. What do we know about the artist after viewing this artwork?
- 30. If you could ask the artist a question, what would you ask him/her?
- 31. Who do you think was this artwork created for? Why do you say that?
- 32. How do you think the artist feels about the final product?
- 33. How do you think this artwork was made?
- 34. Why do you think this artist created this work?
- 35. What do you think this artist is trying to say in this artwork? What is the meaning or message?
- 36. What's the story being told, if any?
- 37. What do you think happened before this scene?
- 38. What do you think happened next?
- 39. What emotions do you notice in the artwork?
- 40. What emotions do you feel when looking at this?
- 41. How do you think the artist was feeling when he created this artwork?
- 42. How did the artist use line, shape, and color to contribute to the mood or meaning?
- 43. What is the title? How does the title contribute to your understanding of the meaning?
- 44. What title would you give this artwork?
- 45. What symbols do you notice in the artwork?
- 46. What juxtapositions do you notice?
- 47. Put your body into the pose of some element of this artwork. How does it feel to be in that position?
- 48. What would it feel like to be in this artwork?
- 49. What does this artwork remind you of? Why?
- 50. How do you personally relate to/connect with this picture?



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- 51. How can you connect this artwork to your own life?
- 52. How might you feel differently about the world after looking at this artwork?
- 53. Why do you think you should be learning about/looking at this artwork?
- 54. Do you want to see this artwork again? Why?
- 55. What do you want to remember about this artwork?
- 56. What do you want to forget about this artwork?
- 57. Who do you know that would really like this artwork? Why would they like it?
- 58. Who do you know that would really hate this artwork? Why would they hate it?
- 59. What do you like about this artwork?
- 60. What do you dislike about this artwork?
- 61. What is beautiful about this artwork?
- 62. Why would someone want to steal this artwork?
- 63. If you could change this artwork, how would you change it? Why?
- 64. What does this artwork say about the culture in which it was produced?
- 65. How do you think this artwork was used by the people who made it? What was its function?
- 66. Was this intended to be a work of art or not? Why do you think that? How does that impact your understanding of the artwork?
- 67. What does this painting say about the world in which we live?
- 68. What does this artwork teach us about the past?
- 69. How does this artwork teach us about the future?
- 70. What was happening in history when this artwork was made? How does that change your understanding of the artwork?
- 71. What are the values and beliefs of the culture in which this artwork was made?
- 72. How might your interpretation of this artwork be different from someone in another culture?
- 73. If you could ask this artwork a question, what would you ask it?
- 74. If this artwork had eyes, what would it see?



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- 75. If this artwork were a person, what would they want to eat for lunch?
- 76. If this artwork were a person, what would they look like?
- 77. If this artwork were a person, what would their personality be?
- 78. If the art could talk, what would it say?
- 79. What would this artwork want to do when it grows up?
- 80. If this artwork could travel anywhere in the world, where would it go? Why?
- 81. If this painting were a person, what job/career would it want to have?
- 82. What is this artwork afraid of?