

Journal

Answers the questions, what do you see? How is the piece arranged? What elements of composition are utilized? Focusing on the elements and principles of art:

ELEMENTS: color form/shape line
space texture value

PRINCIPLES: balance contrast emphasis/focal
point movement/rhythm proportion/scale
repetition unity/harmony

Contextual criticism focuses on discussing and evaluating based on your personal background knowledge (ie knowledge of art history & life experiences) as well as the background of the investigation (what was the project about?).

Contextual

Intuitive

Paying attention to the artists' expression of personality or world view (think empathy). Feelings are guides to interpretations.

Interpretations are often based on a world view. Consider below:

How did the artist create this?

Why did the artist create this and what does it mean? And lastly, is it any good?

3 types of criticism for art

Art criticism is responding to, interpreting meaning, and making critical judgments about specific works of art. Your viewpoint and initial reaction are based on your life experiences, associations and are purely emotional. By looking at the formal aspects, tying in your life experience and using your understanding of others will lead to a successful critique.