Art-Criticism Worksheet

1. **Description (What do I see)**
   Make a list of all the things you observe in the work of art (subject matter and observable facts). What descriptive words best describe this piece? What details could you give? If the work being examined is nonobjective, proceed to Analysis.

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2. **Analysis (How is the work organized?)**
   Identify the elements of art in the work of art. (Line, Color, Texture, Shape, Value, Space, Form)

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Use complete sentences.
3. Determine how the principles of design have been used to organize the elements of art. (Pattern, Contrast, Movement, Unity, Balance, Emphasis, Rhythm)

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4. Interpretation (What is the artist saying?) Determine the meanings, moods, or ideas communicated by the work of art (expressive qualities). What is going on? What is the story?

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5. Judgment (Is this a successful work of art?) Make a personal decision about the artworks success or lack of success. Be certain to list the reasons for your decision.

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