

ART DETECTIVE



INVESTIGATING ART AND ARTISTS

Start here!

WHO MADE THIS?

Write a short paragraph about the artist .
What is their name? When and where did they live?



Example: Picasso was a spanish artist who lived most of his life in France.
He was born in 1881.

WHAT IS IT?

Write a paragraph describing the artwork.
Is it a painting? A sculpture? A drawing? Describe the content of the artwork.
What can you see? How was it made?

Example: This is a painting of a basket of fruit. The basket is sitting on a table
with a blue tablecloth. There are bananas, oranges and grapes in the bowl.
It was painted using oil paint.



TIP: Imagine you are describing the artwork to someone you are speaking to on the phone who can't see it. Be as detailed as possible!

MEANING OR MOOD?

Write a paragraph describing the meaning or the mood of the artwork.
Is it happy? Sad? Scary? Mysterious?

Example: This is a calm painting because the colours are pale and harmonious.

WHAT DO I THINK?

What do you think of this piece of art? Do you like it? Why?

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KEY WORDS AND SENTENCES

WHO MADE THIS?

(Artist) was born in (place) in the year (...)
The style of their work is mainly...
The theme of their work is mainly...
The media (artist) mainly works in is...

Sculptor	Painter	Landscapes
Artist	Born	Died
Living	Country	

WHAT IS IT?

This is painting/drawing/photo/sculpture of...
I can see...
The colours used are...
This artwork reminds me of...
To create this artwork, I think (artist) used...
The artist would need skills in (...) to create this piece

Media	Composition	Figures
Nature	Modern	Traditional
Abstract	Still-life	Collage
Photograph	Three-dimensional	
Realistic	Cartoon-like	
Oil paints	Watercolour	
Detailed	Drawing	Bright
Dark Textured	Digital	Lines
Shapes	Forms	Proportion

MEANING OR MOOD?

When I look at this work I feel ... because...
The mood of this piece is... because...
I think the artist was trying to say...
I think the meaning of this piece is (clear/
mysterious/complicated) because...

Happy	Sad	Positive
Inspired	Uncomfortable	Angry
Scary	Relaxed	Calm
Negative	Energetic	Lonely
Unsure	Danger	Familiar
Memories	Dangerous	
Shocking	Worrying	Eerie
Cheerful	Emotions	Issues

WHAT DO I THINK?

I like ... and ... about this piece
I do not like... because...
My overall opinion is...
I would like to use ... in my own work
I now plan to...
I will use (media) to emulate the style of (artist's) work

Inspiring	Influence	Materials
Layout	Intention	Techniques
Meaning	Change	New
Incorporate	Media	Like
Dislike	Feeling	Response
Opinion		