Looking At Art
An Exercise in Critical Thinking

DIRECTIONS:

1. Write your name on the top of your paper.
2. Take a brief look at all the artworks in the exhibition, then choose ONE artwork.
3. Answer the questions below using the wall labels next to the artwork you chose.
4. Read the additional questions below and on the back of this paper. Write down your answers.
5. Make a drawing or story based on the artwork you chose.
6. Based on your answers, describe the artwork you chose to your classmates.

Refer to the wall label for the artwork to answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the artist? ___________________________________________________________________________
2. What is the name of the artwork? ____________________________________________________________________________
3. What year was the artwork made? ______________________________________________________________________________
4. What materials were used to create the artwork? _____________________________________________________________________
5. Why did you choose this artwork? ________________________________________________________________________________

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

6. If you had to describe this artwork to someone who hasn’t seen it, how would you describe it?
   Examples: - Does it look like a painting, sculpture, drawing, photograph, video, installation, etc....
              - Is the art work big, small, square, round, etc. Does it look delicate, sturdy, light, heavy, ...?
              - What color(s) are used to make the artwork? Is it bright, dark, colorful...?
              - What is the surface like? Does it look smooth, rough? Does it have a texture?

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WHAT DO YOU SEE? - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

7. What is the artwork showing? Do you see people, landscapes, things happening? Or do you see colors, shapes, textures?
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8. What do you feel when you look at the artwork? Does the artwork convey a certain mood or emotion?
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9. What does it make you think of or remind you of?
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10. Do you think the artwork is interesting, ugly, pretty, weird, boring, cool? Why?
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11. Why do you think the artist made this artwork? Is the artist trying to say or express something through this artwork? Is the artist and/or artwork trying to provoke, inspire, educate, be funny, ... something else?
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Make a drawing, sketch, short story, or poem based on the artwork you chose: