

Describing ART - Paintings

Part 1: What's the main idea?

- With your partner, look at the same piece of art for 2 minutes.
- Do not say anything or write anything down.
- After 2 minutes of thinking, tell your partner what you think the main point of the picture is.
- Do you have the same main idea? Is that a problem?

Part 2: Reacting to a piece of art.

- Look at your piece and answer as many questions as possible.
- a/ What is the title of the painting? Who is the artist?
 - b/ When was it painted?
 - c/ Who is in the painting ? (people? animals?) How many "characters" are there?
 - d/ Where is the painting? (scene)
 - e/ What is happening?
 - f/ Does it look like a real event? Is the picture about a real or pretend experience?
 - g/ Why is it happening?
 - h/ Is the artist focusing on something? What is the artist's main point?
 - i/ What do you feel when you look at this picture?
What do you think the artist was feeling?

Part 3: Getting Specific Vocabulary for your paragraph (on another paper)

- A/ Make a list of the nouns in the picture. Then, add at least 1 adjective for each noun
- B/ Make a list of the actions in the picture. (verbs). How are the actions being done? (adverbs).

Adjectives & Nouns	Verbs & Adverbs

Part 4: Writing: Art Description Paragraph

Be sure your paragraph has

- An introduction which gives the title, artist and main idea of the painting
- Describe it from general to specific (situation, background, characters, actions)
- Conclude the paragraph with your opinion about the painting. (Does it reflect reality? What are your feelings about this painting? Is the topic (event) similar to something in your culture? ...etc.)

HAND IN: the picture, your vocabulary chart (part 3) and your double spaced paragraph