**A critique is:** To review or examine a piece of artwork critically by using prior knowledge and experience in visual arts.

**The steps of a critique:**

**PART ONE- Describe the artwork.**

What do you see? Describe the **subject matter** (people, places and things) as well as the describing the **Elements of Design** (types of lines, colors, shapes, textures, values, space/depth).

**PART TWO- Analyze the artwork.**

Look at what you described in Part One. How do these elements function/interact? Use the Principles of Design (pattern, contrast, emphasis, movement, rhythm, harmony, balance).

**PART THREE- Interpret the artwork.**

Look at your description from Part One and your analysis from Part Two. What overall effect is created in the work? What feeling does it give you as a viewer? What does it remind you of? Use any further background knowledge to further interpret the piece.

**PART FOUR- Judge the artwork.**

Look at your interpretation from Part Three. How well are these ideas coming across? Where was the work successful, and where could it use improvement? What specifically could be done to improve the work? How might the ideas be conveyed differently?