

GENERAL QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT ART

Don not try to use all of the questions for each piece of art – select those which are most suitable.

1. What is the story? What are we looking at?
2. What is the title of the picture? Does it help us to understand the painting?
3. What is the figure (or figures - how are they grouped?) doing in the painting?
4. What do you think will happen next?
5. What has just occurred?
6. Has the painting got a message?
7. Has the picture got a particular shape? Is this significant?
8. Has the picture a particular direction? Are the characters looking or moving one way? Is this significant?
9. What is happening at the centre of the picture?
10. Where is the focal point?
11. What is happening in the background, in the corners and edges?
12. Has the painting got a particular mood? How would you describe this mood?
13. How has the artist created the mood of the picture?
14. How does this picture differ from others?
15. Where is the light source? Is it focusing on anything significant?
16. What colours has the artist used? Are any colours particularly dominant?

