

Questions to ask of Visual Evidence

Look at the image: describe what you see.

- What is the most important in the image? How did the creator or creators construct the image to emphasize the aspect that you think is most important?
- Who created the image? What medium was used (painting, sculpture, drawing, print, photograph, etc.)?
- For whom and what purpose was it created?
- How did people originally see the image? For example, was it displayed in an exhibition, published in a periodical, etc.?
- And also consider:
 - If there are other contemporary images that seem similar or refer to the same subject.
 - If the image changed over time. Was it later altered, edited, or cropped? Was it later used for purposes different from its original uses?

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