Visual Art- Viewing Guide

1. **First Impressions**- What ideas or words first come to mind when you look at this artwork? Remember there is no "right" or "wrong" answer!

2. **Description**- What do you see in the work? Describe the subject matter in detail. What is in the piece of art? If it is a landscape painting, where do you think the location of the piece is?

3. **Analysis**- How can you describe the elements of art in this work? How did the artist use Line? Color? Shape? Form? Space? Texture? What kind of materials does the artist use?

4. **Interpretation**- Why do you think the artist created this piece of art? What do you think the meaning of the piece is? What personal connections can you make? Does it remind you of anything you have seen or heard about?

5. **Background Knowledge**- What information do you have about the artist and this specific piece of art? Is it inspired by a certain time period or event? Is it part of a larger series that is exploring a specific topic? What was the artist's purpose for creating this piece?

6. **Informed Judgement**- After analyzing the work and considering the background knowledge...what final assessment can you make about the work? Do you think the artist achieved his/her intended result?