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**4 Steps to Art Criticism –Photography**

(To be completed on a separate piece of paper in paragraph form with 4 paragraphs.)

1. **Description**

Pretend you are trying to describe the entire photo to a friend on the phone.

-What is the subject of this picture?

-Where was the photo taken? Describe the setting, include even the smallest of details, and look closely.

-Describe what objects are in the foreground, middle ground, and background.

-What objects are in focus?   
-What objects are out of focus?

-What is the lighting? (inside, outside, sunny, dark, nighttime, low, bright, soft, artificial, directional)

-If there are people…   
 …what clothes are they wearing? (describe them, make sure to leave out judgments, and/or assumptions)  
 …are the people standing, sitting, how are they posed?  
 …describe their facial features (describe them, make sure to leave out judgments, and/or assumptions, ex: you cannot say sad)

**2. Analysis-**

-What is the focal point of this picture?

-Which technical or formal elements are used in this photograph? (LINE,SHAPE,COLOR,VALUE,SPACE, FORM,TEXTURE)

-What Principles of Design are used in the image? (BALANCE, CONTRAST, EMPHASIS, MOVEMENT, PATTERN, RHYTHM, UNITY)

*Don’t just state and list…elaborate on what in the images displays the elements and principles)*

**3. Interpretation-**

-Based off of your **description** of the photograph…

…what do you think the photographer was trying to say?

…what do you think was the intended use of this photograph?   
(protest, raise awareness, capture a moment in time, capture beauty, magazine, news, fine art exhibit, express \_\_\_\_\_\_)

**4. Judgement/Evaluation-**

-Which technical or formal elements work well in this photograph?

-Do you like it? Why or why not?