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1. Take 3-6 minutes to really look at the artwork. Describe your intuitive response. What do you feel when you look at the work? What are your first impressions? (Intuitive means: the act or faculty of knowing or sensing without the use of rational processes; immediate cognition.)

2. Now focus on the formal elements and qualities of the artwork. Describe how the colors, lines, and shapes work together creating composition, balance, tension, contrast, rhythm, and unity.

3. What are your perceptions of this artwork? Combine your answers above to interpret it. Analyze the expressive qualities of the work along with your own knowledge and associations. This is your own aesthetic experience. (Perception means: to take in completely, the process of observation and the effect or product of perceiving combined with preexisting knowledge or memory.)

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