

The REED-LO Matrix

Title of Work: _____ Artist: _____ Date of Work: _____

Step 1: React

- What is the emotional tone?
- What is your "gut" reaction?
- How does the work make you feel?

Step 4: Decipher

- What objects and compositional elements might serve as symbols?
- What might be their meanings?
- How would you describe the action occurring in the work?
- How does medium affect the action and the meanings of the symbols?

Step 5a: Locate

- How does this work fit in with both art history and the historical events occurring at and around the time the work was created?



Step 5b



How does the historical context affect symbolism?

Step 2: Embrace

- How would you describe the composition?
- What is the first thing to which your eyes are drawn? Why?
- How do your eyes move around the work?

Step 3: Explore

- What objects and items do you see?
- What is the medium, or what materials were used to create this work of art?

Step 6: Opine

- What do you believe to be the meaning of the work?
- What is your critique of this work?

