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A Strategy for Visual Text Analysis

Title of Piece: Artist:	
Type of Artwork:	
Overview Look at the artwork for at least 10 seconds. Generate questions; e.g., What is the subject? What strikes you as interesting, odd, etc.? What is happening?	
Parts Look closely at the artwork, making note of important elements and details. Ask additional questions, such as: Who are the figures? What is the setting and time period? What symbols are present? What historical information would aid understanding of this piece?	
Title Consider what the title and any written elements of the text suggest about meaning. How does the title relate to what is portrayed?	
Inter-relationships Look for connections between and among the title, caption, and the parts of the art. How are the different elements related?	
Conclusion Form a conclusion about the meaning/theme of the text. Remember the questions you asked when you first examined it. Be prepared to support your conclusions with evidence.	

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