

Art Annotation Guide

# Think about... Line,Tone,Form Colour,Pattern, Subject Matter, Composition + Texture

#### What have I done?

Is it a painting? A drawing? A sculpture? Is it your own work or is it a copy?

### How have I done it?

Try to describe how you have done your work step by step—including ALL keys points!

## Why have I done it/ What have I learned?

Have you learned about a new artist? What about new skills? - Why did you choose that artist et?

#### What medium or materials have I used?

Paint, pencil, collage, mixed media etc

#### What have I done well?

Try to lost at least 3 point!

# What could I improve on or what would I change if I were to do it again?

Think about what went wrong and why? How would you do it differently?

## **Word Bank**

## **Texture**

Words to describe

Texture:

Flat

Raised

Rough

Shiny/ Lustrous

Silky

Smooth

Uneven

Frosted - Like rough ice

Glazed - Glassy, smooth, shiny

Glossy

Gnarled - Twisted, knotted, craggy, wooded

Rugged - Rough, uneven, unsoften

Spotted - Pitted, many small hollows the size of pin heads.

# Atmosphere Words to describe

Atmosphere:

Angry - Raging, cross, turbulent

Calm - Tranquil, quiet, serene

Dark - Gloomy, evil, atrocious, mysterious, wicked, sullen, cheerless, sad

Dreich - cold, sad, depressing

Exciting - Rousing, provocative

Flat - Boring, dull, lifeless, sluggish

**Light** - Delicate, fine, free, airy, spacious

Loving - Warm, romantic, cosy, kind

Melancholy - Sad, tearful, depressing, pensive

Sombre - Serious, dark, gloomy

Still

Stimulating - Exciting, energetic

Stormy - Violent, agitated

# **Possible Ways** to Start Your Sentences!

In this piece I have
I have used the following materials
Through working in this way I have learned how to
This piece contains the following characteristics
Here I have shown In the style of
This piece could have been improved by including
I could of made greater use of
In this piece I have used too much/ Not enough
The artist Has influenced my design.
I was inspired by When creating this piece of work
To improve this piece I could have

# Word Bank Colour

Words to describe

Colour:

**Primary Colour** 

**Secondary Colour** 

**Tertiary Colour** 

Complimentary

Hue - is a compound colour in which one of the primary colours predominates.

**Tint** – is the dominant colour in a mixture of colours and white

**Bright** 

Dark

Dull

Pale

Blended - mixed

Cold - Unfriendly, chilling, depressing

Contrasting - Strikingly different

Crude - Rough, unfinished, blunt, raw

Earthy

Flamboyant - Showy

Garish - Over bright, showy

Gaudy - Over bright, showy

Harmonious - Pleasing, agreeable

Intense - Strong feeling, deep

Mellow - Ripe, soft, matured

Muted - Subdued, quiet

Natural - Found in nature, simple

**Pastel** 

Raw - Lacking finish, natural state

Refined - Elegant, polished, pure, clear, delicate, full

# Word Bank Form

Line, Tone and shape to add depth and volume:

Curvaceous - Rounded, curved

Geometric - Regular, mathematical shapes

Hard - Definite, firm, severe, harsh, ugly

Heavy - Weighty, serious, forceful, clumsy, dull, overcast, tedious, gloomy, unwieldy

**Light** - Delicate, fine, spacious, airy, bright

Linear - Long and narrow, like a line

Monumental - Massive,

paramount, great

Natural - Simple, life-like, unaffected

Rounded

Sculptural

Soft

Spatial - wide, expansive

## **Pattern**

Words to describe pattern:

Decorative

Diagonal

**Embellished** 

Floral

**Flowing** 

Formalised— Definite, precise shape

Geometric - Regular shape found in mathematics

Horizontal

Incised - Cut into the surface

Irregular - Uneven, not regular

Organic

Repeat

# **Word Bank**

## Composition

The arrangement and relationship of colours, shapes, tones etc

Abstract - Free, unreal, imagined

Angular - Jagged or pointed

Balanced - Agreeable arrangement

Broken - Many different colours put side by side

Circular

Continuous

Flowing - Fluent

Fragmented - Broken into bits or

section

Rounded - Well balanced

Symmetrical

Triangular

Unbalanced

# **Subject Matter**

Is what a picture or work of art is about:

Abstract - Free, imagined, unreal

Buildings - Any man-made structure

Fantasy - dream-like, imaginary

Figurative - with people in it

Interiors - Inside of a building

Landscape - Scenery

Mythological - About

traditional stories

**Portrait** 

Religious - About religion

Seascape - Sea scenery

Still-life - Picture of non living things

e.g. flowers, fruit

Townscape

Cityscape

## **Word Bank**

Line Tone

Words to describe line: Words to describe Tone:

Bold Dark

Broken Light

Feathery Middle

Fine Broken - Many different tones within

an area

Flowing Contrasting - Dramatic change

Fluent from light to dark

Hard Flat - Smooth or plain

Heavy Graduating

Sensitive Modulated - varying/Changing

Soft Receding

Swirling Regulated - Controlled variation

Tapered Smooth

Vigorous Uniform - Constant, flat, same,

unvarying