

**Analyzing Visual Art
Review Guide**

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Complete the following guide based on the painting or photograph **after** reading a biographical sketch of the artist and information about the painting/photograph.

Title and location of the art: _____

Artist: _____

1. **First Reactions:** Jot down whatever first impressions you get about the painting or photograph itself, or the persons or objects in the painting.
2. **Detailed Examination:** List all the observable facts in the painting/photograph (i.e. people, objects, actions).
3. **Facts Known From Other Sources:** Indicate the subject, place and date of the painting/photograph and the names of any people portrayed.
4. **Characteristic Expression:** Note any special relationships of persons or objects in the painting/photograph.
5. **Depictions:** Note anything the painting/photograph informs the observer about life in the nation/region at the time it was created.
6. **Purpose:** Based on your reading and examination of the painting/photograph, why was this piece of art created? Explain your answer using specific references from the art. Does it achieve its objective? Explain.
7. **Lasting Impression:** What is the most memorable or powerful aspect of this painting/photograph? Explain.