**How to Complete a Visual Analysis of a Work**

**in AP Art History**

**First,** you are going to **identify** a work of art (or group of related works of art).

*(This should look familiar from “How to Identify Works of Art in AP Art History”.)*

* Title or designation
* Name of artist
* Culture of origin
* Date of creation
* Geographic location
* Style
* Materials/media

*Key Questions:*

* *What is it?*
* *Who made it?*
* *Where and when was it made?*
* *Does it conform to a known style or movement?*
* *What is it made of?*

**Second,** you are going to **describe** visual elements of a work of art (or group of related works of art).

* Form
* Style
* Materials (or medium)
* Technique
* Content

*Key Questions:*

* *What does it look like?*
* *What is it made of?*
* *How was it made?*
* *What is it about?*

**Last,** you are going to **explain** how artistic decisions about (form, style, materials, technique, and/or content) shape a work of art (or group of related works of art).

*Key Questions:*

* *What artistic decisions did the creator make?*
* *How did those decisions shape this work?*

**Expectations**

1. Write in complete sentences.

2. Be mindful of proper grammar and mechanics.

3. Use the language of the discipline or appropriate AP Art History vocabulary.