

Reflection Words

There are lots of good ways to talk about artwork, but a few guidelines can make your reflections efficient and specific.

- Focus on one or a couple specific challenges that you had that GENERATED NEW KNOWLEDGE.
- Explain the challenge.
- Explain the various factors that might have played a part in the challenge. 'I notice _____'
- Develop multiple solutions that address those specific factors, and explain how they worked (or didn't).
- Connect what happened to what you will do in the future.

Use specific words (including ones that describe the elements and principles of art).

For this activity, use thesaurus or any other resources you can think of to develop specific, descriptive vocabulary. Add 5 descriptive words for each of the 'mother' words you were assigned.

If you see something you don't understand below-look it up!

Term	Words that can describe it
Line	Thick, harsh, soft, flowing Wavy, curved, straight, wide, thin
Color	analogous, complementary, earthy Bright, dark, vivid, neon, bold Pigment, shade, hue, intensity, tint, wash
Shape	geometric, organic, curving, bulbous, jagged Cube, circle, triangle, hexagon, cylinder
Texture	grainy, sandy, silky soft, calloused, fine, uneven, smooth- Olivia
Space	figure ground reversal, positive, negative distracting, focusing?, cluttered, plain, abstract?- Olivia
Form	angular, faceted, figural irregular, asymmetrical, symmetrical, normal, natural- Olivia
Value	shadow, highlight, lightness, darkness, saturation, luminance, gradation
Balance	symmetrical, asymmetrical, radial even, uneven, arrangement, focal point, harmony
Contrast	strong, subtle, black and white, weak, powerful, noticeable comparison, contradiction, distinction, variation, diversity
Emphasis	focus, stress, pinpoint, focal point, standout, thick attention, intensity, significance, strength, weight

Movement	dynamic, formal, relaxed, orderly, structured, flowy, organic flow, development, progress, journey, changing
Pattern	ornament, decoration, geometric
Rhythm	pulse, tempo, balance, frequency
Unity	fragmented, conflicting, sublime, together, harmony, balance
Didn't Work	twisted, tore, collapsed, flattened, warped, punctured
Properties of Materials	leatherhard, dry leather, stiff, brittle Slip, plastic, bone-dry, moldable, throwable
Experience	focused, disoriented, flow, frustrating, enlightening, tough, disappointing, exciting Knowledge, background, wisdom, skill, sophistication, struggle
Another Idea? Add it.	meditative