Formal Analysis

1. What medium is used and how does it dictate the style?

2. What elements guide the eye around the space and how?

3. Describe how line and shape form the composition:

4. Is there an evident pattern or texture?

5. How is color used in this artwork?
Socio-Political Relevance

1. Where did the artist create this work?

2. What is it about?

3. What was happening in culture and society at the time?

4. How does national identity or conflict affect this artwork?
Gender, Race and Social Class

1. What specific population does this work represent and how are they formally represented?

2. How is gender, race or social class part of the concept?

3. What opinion does the artist share about any of these groups or populations?
Art Historical Implications

1. How does this artwork relate to a larger style or movement or the artist’s other work? List the concrete details that support this association.

2. How is this piece influenced by other artists from the past?

3. How is this piece influential to other artists in the future?
1. What scientific inventions or discoveries influenced this artwork?

2. How does technology fit into the development of this visual style?

3. How is this style represented or appropriated in the artwork or design of today?