

What is Good Art?  
Art AoK opening activity

What are the justifications for, and implications of, claiming that there are absolute standards for “good art”?

Who determines what art is valued, and on what criteria?

—IB ToK Guide

In your group discuss the following question:

What criteria make make something good art? Discuss this with your group and agree to and explain 3-5 criteria. Why are your criteria more important with regard to this judgment than other possible criteria?

What makes something bad art? Aside from the converse of your above criteria, what characteristics would render a piece “bad?”

Examine the exhibits posted around the room. Using your criteria, make a judgment about the quality of each piece. Explain your evaluation of each piece. Then rank the pieces from best to least good.

Exhibit	Evaluation and explanation (expressed in terms of the criteria you determined earlier)
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
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