Mental Moves

Interpret

1. Zoom Out

Gauge your overall reaction: What emotions or thoughts does this work elicit?

2. Zoom In

Look closely: Which elements of the work serve as the best evidence of its meaning?

3. Consider the Source

What might the creator of this work be trying to convey? Who was the audience?

4. Consider Ambiguities

What possible coexisting or conflicting messages might the work convey?

5. Summarize Meaning

Using the evidence, explain the meaning or purpose of the work in your own words.

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