

# 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.