

PRACTICE WORKSHEET + FULL ANSWER KEY

Creative analysis and reflection

School arts. Work through the sections in order, or choose the one that matches this week's topic.

QUESTIONS	SECTIONS	ANSWER KEY	WORKING SPACE
52	5	At the back	Ruled

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Before you start

Describe observable choices before interpreting their effects. A reflection connects intention, technique and feedback to a specific next revision.

WORKED EXAMPLE

How might contrast guide attention in a poster?

- 1 Identify an element that differs in colour, size or tone.
- 2 Explain where the viewer's attention is drawn.
- 3 Connect that effect to the poster's purpose and audience.

Use this method as your model. Set out your own working the same way.

Common mistakes to avoid

- Using adjectives without pointing to an observable feature
- Describing a process without evaluating a decision

There are 52 questions across 5 sections. Write in the ruled space, then mark your work against the answer key at the back.
Topics covered: Visual analysis, Creative decisions, Reflective writing.

SECTION A Visual analysis

Describe an observable choice before you interpret its effect.

1 Name two visual elements you can change in a piece of work.

2 How might contrast guide attention in a poster?

3 Explain what a focal point is.

4 Name two ways to create a focal point.

5

Explain what composition means.

6

Explain the difference between describing and evaluating a work.

7

Describe the effect of a restricted colour palette.

8

Explain what tone means in visual art.

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Explain what texture contributes to a piece.

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Explain what negative space is and why it matters.

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Choose a work and name one observable choice, then its likely effect.

SECTION B Creative decisions and process*A reflection connects intention, technique and feedback to a specific next step.*

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Sketch two thumbnails for the same poster with different focal points.

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Write an intended effect for a creative piece.

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Name two things a mood board helps you decide.

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Explain why artists make preparatory studies.

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Name one benefit of working in a series.

17

Describe one revision you made based on feedback.

- 18 Explain the difference between a technique and an intention.

- 19 Name two materials you have used and one property of each that affected your choice.

- 20 Explain why a plan can be changed part-way through a project.

- 21 State one way to record your process.

- 22 Explain why annotation matters in a portfolio.

SECTION C Music, drama and performance

Name the element, then explain what changing it does to an audience.

- 23 Name three elements of music.

- 24 Explain what dynamics means in music.

- 25 Explain what tempo means.

- 26 Explain how a change of tempo can affect a listener.

- 27 Name two elements of drama.

- 28 Explain how an actor can use a pause for effect.

- 29 Explain what staging means.

- 30 Name one way to show a change of mood without words.

- 31 Explain what an ensemble is and one skill it needs.

- 32 Name one way to prepare for a performance.

SECTION D Context, purpose and audience

Meaning depends on who made a work, for whom, and when.

- 33** Explain why the context of a work matters to its meaning.

- 34** Explain how audience affects a creative decision.

- 35** Name two purposes a piece of art can serve.

- 36** Explain how the same image can mean different things in two contexts.

- 37** Explain what is meant by influence in creative work.

- 38** Explain the difference between influence and copying.

- 39** List what to record about an artwork used as research.

- 40** Explain why permission and credit matter when using others' material.

- 41** Name one way an exhibition or programme note helps an audience.

- 42** Explain how a title can change how a work is read.

SECTION E Reflection and evaluation

Useful feedback is specific, connected to intention and actionable.

- 43** Write a reflection naming one thing that worked and one that did not.

- 44** Explain what you would do differently next time and why.

- 45** Explain how to give useful feedback to a peer.

- 46** Explain why "I like it" is not useful feedback.

47

Write a short evaluation using evidence from your own piece.

48

Name two criteria you could set for judging your own work.

49

Explain why a target should be specific.

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Explain what you learned from a piece that did not work.

51

Explain how keeping a sketchbook supports assessment.

52

Set one target for your next project and say how you will know it is met.

Answer key

Work each section before you check it. These are model answers: an equivalent method, or a different well-supported interpretation, can be just as correct.

SECTION A - VISUAL ANALYSIS

1. Colour, line, texture, shape, space, form or value.
2. An element differing in colour, size or tone draws the eye first, which directs the viewer to the key message.
3. The part of a work the eye is drawn to first.
4. Contrast in tone or colour, placement, scale, or lines that lead the eye.
5. How the elements are arranged within the frame.
6. Description says what is there; evaluation judges how well the choices serve an intention, using evidence.
7. It unifies a work and can create a specific mood, though it limits variety.
8. The lightness or darkness of an area, independent of its colour.
9. It suggests surface and materiality, adding interest and a tactile quality.
10. The empty area around and between subjects; it shapes balance and can form part of the image.
11. A specific observable feature with a reasoned effect on the viewer.

SECTION B - CREATIVE DECISIONS AND PROCESS

12. Two distinct layouts, each with a clearly indicated focal point.
13. A clear audience effect, for example creating tension through a restricted colour palette.
14. Colour direction and visual style; it can also clarify audience and tone.
15. They test composition, colour and technique cheaply before committing to the final piece.
16. An idea can be developed and refined across pieces rather than resolved in a single attempt.
17. Identify the feedback, the specific change and why it may improve the work.
18. A technique is how something is made; an intention is the effect it is meant to have.
19. For example charcoal, which smudges for soft tone, and ink, which gives crisp lines.
20. Discoveries during making can serve the intention better; the change should be recorded and justified.
21. A sketchbook, annotated photographs or a written journal.
22. It shows the thinking behind decisions, which the finished piece alone cannot.

SECTION C - MUSIC, DRAMA AND PERFORMANCE

23. Pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture and structure.
24. How loud or quiet the music is, and how that changes.
25. The speed of the beat.
26. A faster tempo can raise energy or tension; a slower one can create calm or weight.
27. For example voice, movement, space, tension, character and pace.
28. A pause creates anticipation and gives the audience time to register meaning.
29. How performers and set are arranged in the space, and what the audience can see.
30. Through lighting, music, movement quality or spatial distance between performers.
31. A group performing as a unit; it requires listening and responding to one another.
32. Rehearse in the actual space, warm up, and agree cues with the group.

SECTION D - CONTEXT, PURPOSE AND AUDIENCE

33. When, where and why it was made shapes what its choices meant to its first audience.
34. The intended viewer or listener determines what will read clearly and hold attention.
35. To communicate, persuade, commemorate, decorate or provoke thought.
36. Surrounding text, place and audience expectations all shape interpretation.
37. Learning from another artist's approach and using it in your own way, with acknowledgement.
38. Influence adapts an idea into new work; copying reproduces someone else's work as if it were your own.
39. Creator, title, date, medium and source; follow the school's attribution requirements.
40. It respects the creator's rights and lets an audience trace the source.
41. It gives context and intention, which can open up an unfamiliar work.
42. It directs attention to a particular idea, framing what the audience looks for.

SECTION E - REFLECTION AND EVALUATION

43. Two specific points, each with evidence from the work.
44. A specific change linked to the effect you were aiming for.
45. Describe what you noticed, connect it to their intention and offer one actionable suggestion.

- 46. It gives no reason and nothing the maker can act on.
- 47. A judgement about how well the work met its intention, supported by specific features.
- 48. For example clarity of the focal point and consistency of the colour scheme.
- 49. A vague target cannot be acted on or checked; a specific one can.
- 50. A specific insight about technique, planning or intention drawn from the attempt.
- 51. It evidences development, experimentation and reflection, not just the final outcome.
- 52. A specific target with an observable measure of success.

Review and next steps

Mark your work against the answer key, record your score for each section, then answer the three questions below. Bring this page to your next lesson so your tutor can start from what actually blocked you.

Which question did you find hardest, and what exactly stopped you?

Rewrite the corrected working for that question here.

Which section do you want to practise again before your next lesson?

Score record

SECTION	QUESTIONS	NUMBER CORRECT	PRACTISE AGAIN?
A. Visual analysis	11		
B. Creative decisions and process	11		
C. Music, drama and performance	10		
D. Context, purpose and audience	10		
E. Reflection and evaluation	10		
Total	52		

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