

# Art Critique

Paintings showing friendship

When we **critique** a work of art we do 4 things:

**1. Describe:** Look at the artwork and tell what you see.

**2. Analyze:** this means you look at the art elements (textures, shapes and forms, the colors (light or dark) the types of lines and how the work makes you feel.

**3. Interpret:** this means you try to explain the meaning of the work.

**4. Judgement:** You decide how you feel about the painting, (your opinion).

Everyone has at least one close friend, it may be someone in your class, your brother or sister, a neighbor, or even your pet.

Even your parents and grandparents have a close friend.  
Right now a lot of us are not able to play or be with our friends.

I created this lesson so you could think about friendship and who your close friend or friends are.

Ask your parent if they had a best friend growing up. Are they still close to that friend?

Some people keep the same friend as a “bestie” their whole lives...even if they live far away from each other and don't get to see each other in person very often.

I chose some random paintings that I feel show friendship.

Scroll through these pictures and choose one to critique.

It would be fun to do this with someone else.

Take turns critiquing the painting. Study the art elements in the painting.

Ask these questions.

Do you get a feeling of friendship and that the characters care for one another?

If so, how is the caring for one another shown in the artwork?

What do you think the friends are doing in the painting?

Do you think that animals (dogs, cats, rabbits, horses etc.) can have friends? (either humans or other animals?)

Choose your favorite painting and tell your “buddy” why it is your favorite.













