4-H Critiquing - Reflecting - Learning

Critiquing your own artwork is necessary to grow in skill, understanding, thinking and technique. With *Get Started in Art* and *How to Teach Art to Children* activities we recommend that you critique your own work. It is fine to practice critiquing public artworks. However, during the first years, stay focused on your individual self-reflection.

As you work through the process, use the concepts and vocabulary you are learning from the activities. Reference the *4-H Elements and Principles of Design Card*. In each step below critiquing prompts are provided to help you process. Write to the prompts that best fit your artwork critique.

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**Step 1** Describe what you see, listing everything you notice about the art work. List key elements. What materials are used?

**Step 2** Analysis how is the artwork organized or the elements used? What principles are applied? What is the subject matter? What techniques are used?
**Step 3** Interpret the subject or meaning based on steps 1 – 2. Do the objects, elements and principles work together? What is the artist’s statement and what is the evidence for the statement?

**Step 4** Evaluate or Judge – What do you think of the artwork and why? What is your favorite part? What surprised you? Is it saying what the artist intended? Is it successful? Could the artwork be improved and how?

If it is your artwork compare your first attempt with your final artwork. Describe how you see growth in skill, understanding, knowledge and technique.