

Analyze Visuals

Images are an effective way to communicate information. There are many types of visuals, such as photographs, paintings, and Infographics. Visuals tell a story in a dramatic or vivid style. Just as with any primary or secondary source, it is important to look closely and ask questions to determine the meaning and reliability of the visual.

Use this outline to help you better understand ideas or events conveyed by a visual. Answer these questions to the best of your ability.

Title of visual _____ Page _____

1. What is the topic of the visual (what is happening)?

2. Focus on the details and list three that you find in the visual. How does each help convey information about the topic?

3. Assume you are one of the individuals in the picture, or that you were present when the image was made.

(a) Describe who you are.

(b) Explain what your reaction might have been to the situation.

4. The creator often reveals a bias about the subject or an attempt to get a response from the viewer. Is there anything you see in the image that tells the creator's point of view?

5. Write your own caption for the image.
