

Artwork Analysis Worksheet

Name: _____

In your groups, examine your assigned piece of artwork and answer the following questions.

Describe what you see in the artwork?

What are the main colors used in the poster?

Is there significance with the placement of the figures (foreground/background)?

Are the features of the figures normal or exaggerated and why do you feel this is important?

What year do you estimate this piece of art was created?

What symbols (if any) are used in the poster?

If a symbol is used, is it

a. clear (easy to interpret)?

b. memorable?

c. dramatic?

Are the messages in the artwork primarily visual, verbal, or both?

Who do you think is the intended audience for the artwork?

What do you think is the intention of the artist?

What type of response do you think the artist is trying to achieve?

Did the artist achieve this response in you? Explain why or why not.

If you could ask the artist one question, what would it be?

PART 2 CLASS ANALYSIS

We will respond to these questions at the end of the activity together as a class.

What themes/trends did you notice in the artworks as a whole?

Could we group the artworks into different types of categories and what would they be?

From what you know about the slave trade and the middle passage, how accurate/inaccurate were these paintings? Explain.

Which of the artwork really stood out for you and why?

Are there any further questions?