



GALLERY WALK:

Look at the above photo carefully, studying it for at least 10 seconds. On a sheet of notebook paper, answer all of the questions on the following OPTICS chart about this photo. For “Title” you are giving your own title for this photo, and for “Inter-relationships” you are listing details that influenced your title.

OPTIC: Close Reading of Visuals

Title of Piece: Artist:		Type of Artwork:
Overview	Look at the artwork for at least 10 seconds. Generate a list of questions; e.g., What is the subject? What strikes you as interesting, odd, etc.? What is happening?	
Parts	Look closely at the artwork, making note of important elements and details. Ask additional questions, such as: Who are the figures? What is the setting and time period? What symbols are present? What historical information would aid understanding of this piece?	
Title	Consider what the title and any written elements of the text suggest about meaning. How does the title relate to what is portrayed?	
Inter-relationships	Look for connections between and among the title, caption, and the parts of the art. How are the different elements related?	
Conclusion	Form a conclusion about the meaning/theme of the text. Remember the questions you asked when you first examined it. Be prepared to support your conclusions with evidence.	