

ART CRITICISM INVITATIONAL

Each year a high school class is invited to view the top twenty-five works of art in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition and write art criticism in response to the works. These writings are printed, along with an image of the work, and made available to viewers of the exhibition. This provides an audience for students' written work and broadens the viewers' perspective for the artwork. Secondary art teachers who are interested in having their students participate should contact:

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OHIO ART CRITICISM OPEN, 2012

A warm invitation is extended to all secondary school art teachers to encourage interested students to enter the ninth annual **OHIO ART CRITICISM OPEN**. This is a writing contest open to all students in grades nine through twelve. The purpose of the contest is to give recognition to students for the quality of their writing about art. Winners will receive certificates of award and the top three winners will have their writings published in *Ohio ArtLine*, the state-wide publication of the Ohio Art Education Association.

A student's entry in the **OHIO ART CRITICISM OPEN** is to be a written critical inquiry into the meaning and aesthetic value of any original work of art. For example, a student may write about student artwork on display in the 2012 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition at the State Office Tower in Columbus, the writing may be about a professional artist's exhibit or student's work on display in the student's own school or community. Students are encouraged to base their writing on original artworks rather than reproduced images; original works provide access to richer information and allow the student to express their own ideas rather than reflect the opinions of critics and historians. The paper should demonstrate the student's ability to write art criticism, not their ability to do historical inquiry.

A student's critical inquiry should be no more than 800 words and be focused on one work of art. It should be typed and double-spaced on 8.5 x 11" paper. The enclosed entry form must be completed, including both student and teacher signatures, and attached to the student's writing. The entry must be accompanied by a good-quality color photograph of the artwork about which the criticism is written. Send entries to Nancy Pistone, Arts Consultant, Ohio Department of Education, Mail Stop 509, 25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183. **Entries may also be sent via e-mail (with jpeg attached) to: nancy.pistone@ode.state.oh.us.**

Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than June 4, 2012. They will be reviewed by an impartial juror, or team of jurors, who will determine the best critical writing based on the following criteria; all relevant components of the art work are described and analyzed with discernment; interpretation of meanings are original, insightful, and reasonably based on evidence in the work; judgments use appropriate criteria; and general standards of good writing are met. First, second, and third place awards plus up to ten honorable mention awards will be given. Winning entries will be announced by November 2012.

**ENTRY FORM
OHIO ART CRITICISM OPEN, 2012**

(Please print information legibly)

STUDENT'S NAME

SCHOOL

ADDRESS

GRADE _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____

Please identify the artwork that has been selected for critical inquiry. Give the title and artist's name below.

TITLE

ARTIST'S NAME

**The attached art critical inquiry is original writing by the student named above.
*If work is submitted electronically, signatures are not required but the originality of the work will be assumed.***

Student Signature

Teacher Signature

Teacher name (please print)

Please attach this form to the student's writing, along with a good-quality photograph of the artwork and mail by June 4, 2012 to:

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**Please duplicate this form for multiple entries.
*If you are e-mailing entries be sure to include all information on this form.***

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