

Art and Activism

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PART 2 – After looking closely at the paintings, describe what you see in the paintings by writing the answers to the questions in the chart on a piece of paper or in the space below.

ART ANALYSIS QUESTIONS	MY DESCRIPTION
What colors do you see in the paintings?	
What do you think the first color you noticed <i>represents</i> ?	
What do you think the second color you noticed represents?	
What do you think the third color you noticed represents?	
What do you think the fourth color you noticed represents?	
What do you think any of the other colors you noticed represent?	
How many individual paintings are in the series of paintings from the Autry Museum of the American West?	
What do you think all of the individual paintings in the series represent together?	
What else do you notice in the paintings?	

Represents: to serve as a sign or symbol

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PART 5 – Now that you have learned more about the story that the artist is telling through *The Discovery of Gold in California* series, answer the questions in the chart about the art, caption label, and artist’s quote by writing your answers on a piece of paper or in the space below.

ART ANALYSIS QUESTIONS	YOUR ANSWERS
Who is the artist? Look for the artist’s name in the caption label and the artist’s quote.	
What is the title of the artwork? Look for the title in the caption label.	
What year was the artwork created? Look for the date in the caption label.	
Which historical event from the past is the art, caption label, and artist’s quote about?	
Which communities are represented in the art, caption label, and artist’s quote?	
Which social issues are represented in the art, caption label, and artist’s quote?	

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PART 1 – Now it is your turn to create art as a form of activism. Make a piece of art that educates others about the social issues that affect your communities. Plan your art before creating it by writing your answers to the questions in the chart on a piece of paper or in the space below.

QUESTIONS	ANSWER EXAMPLES	MY ART DESCRIPTION
What type of art will you create?	Drawing Painting Other	
What materials do you need for your art?	Crayons/Markers Pencils/Pens Paint Paper Other materials	
Which community/communities will you represent in your art? Pick from the list of communities that you created in Section 1.		
Which social issues that affect your community/communities will you represent in your art? Pick from the list of social issues that you created in Section 1.		
What people, places, and/or things will you show in your art?		
Which colors will you use in your art? What will the colors represent?		

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PART 2 – Based on your answers from the previous page, create a piece of art as a form of activism. Depending on the type of art you are creating, feel free to use a piece of paper or the space below to create your art. Include a title for your art.

Title: _____

