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- 1. **Context** When was this made? What is the subject matter? What clues are given for a time frame? Consider clothing, implements tools, weapons, architecture, etc.
- 2. **Characters** Who or what is portrayed here? Is it a person? Animal? Symbol?

What clues are given about who/what they are?

- 3. **Color** What colors, if any, are used? Do you think they were used just for visual appeal? What is the mood or tone established by these colors?
- 4. **Composition** Look at the use of space. Is one image bigger than another?

Is that to suggest a relationship? What kind of relationship? Is the entire space used?

Why or why not? What is the foreground? The background? Do either suggest importance?

5. **Construction** — Someone consciously constructed this image for a purpose.

Who do you think made this? Why? For what audience? Who would connect with this image?

Who would not?

http://wonderingsheep.blogspot.com/2010/04/five-cs-approach-to
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