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SII Method of Assessment for participating in peer critique

The Role of Self-Assessment

Psychological studies of highly successful people across all domains of intelligence—linguistic, musical, mathematical, scientific, interpersonal, kinesthetic, intrapersonal, and spiritual—reveal that these extraordinary individuals share three behaviors that are the source of sustained personal growth (Gardner, 1998).

- These individuals stand out in the extent to which they reflect, often explicitly, on the events of their lives
- These individuals stand out less by their impressive “raw powers” than by their ability to identify and then exploit their strengths
- These individuals fail often and sometimes dramatically, but they stand out in the extent to which they learn from their setbacks and convert defeats into opportunities

Extraordinary individuals, therefore, possess a strong internal process of thinking about their circumstances, their performance capabilities, and their opportunities for effecting change. The SII method strives to make these attributes explicit in the dialogue between assessor and assessee. It embodies several characteristics known to improve critical thinking, including positiveness, processorientation, a recognition of contextual details, and the role of emotion as well as reason in human behavior. (Brookfield, 1987).

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Identifies ways in which art was of high quality and commendable, and includes why particular strengths were considered important.

Area of Improvement

Identifies what changes can be made to improve artwork and how these changes can be implemented most effectively.

Insight

Identifies what new and significant discoveries were gained from the learning process.

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What is insight?

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insight

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noun

- 1 an instance of apprehending the true nature of a thing, especially through intuitive understanding:
an insight into 18th-century life.
- 2 penetrating mental vision or discernment; faculty of seeing into inner character or underlying truth.
- 3 *Psychology.*
 - a an understanding of relationships that sheds light on or helps solve a problem.
 - b (in psychotherapy) the recognition of sources of emotional difficulty.
 - c an understanding of the motivational forces behind one's actions, thoughts, or behavior; self-knowledge.

Learning Goals:

“I can think about and express my ideas about artwork in a clear and effective way.”

(Studio Habit of Mind, Reflect)

“I can interact with other artists in the classroom and use information learned or experienced about artists in the world & throughout history in order to share ideas..”

(Studio Habit of Mind, Understanding Art Community)

“I can describe, analyze, interpret and evaluate art using appropriate art concepts, vocabulary, skills and processes.”

(Maine Learning Results, Aesthetic & Criticism)



Comments on application of SII Method of Assessment

Strength

Identifies ways in which art was of high quality and commendable, and includes why particular strengths were considered important.

There is nothing wrong with saying that you “like something” about art that we are reviewing, but you must also include specific information. Such as, “I like the color *because* it suggests a warm association with the subject.”

Area of Improvement

Identifies what changes can be made to improve artwork and how these changes can be implemented most effectively.

Make suggestions for changes because they are needed, not because you don’t “like” a particular quality. Try to view suggestions in the lens of whether or not a piece is successful in terms of goals.

Insight

Identifies what new and significant discoveries were gained from the learning process.

Observing and understanding whether a piece of art displays insight from the artist is a demanding task.

Photograph by W. Eugene Smith. Photograph that reveals considerable emotion from the characters shown.



Photograph by W. Eugene Smith. Photograph of mother with severely deformed child in Minamata, Japan. The child's deformity was a direct result of mercury poisoning. Consider how insightful and sensitive the photographer is to the subjects and their graceful display of humanity.