

# The REED-LO Matrix

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Artist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

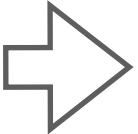
**Step 1: React**

- What is the emotional tone?
- What is your "gut" reaction?
- How does the work make you feel?



**Step 2: Embrace**

- How would you describe the composition?
- What is the first thing to which your eyes are drawn? Why?
- How do your eyes move around the work?



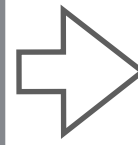
**Step 3: Explore**

- What objects and items do you see?
- What is the medium, or what materials were used to create this work of art?



**Step 4: Decipher**

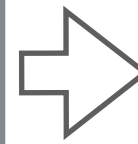
- What object and compositional elements might serve as symbols?
- What might be their meanings?
- How would you describe the action occurring in the work?
- How does medium affect the action and the meanings of the symbols?



**Step 5b**  
How does the historical context affect symbolism?

**Step 5a: Locate**

- How does this work fit in with both art history and the historical events occurring at and around the time the work was created?



**Step 6: Opine**

- What do you believe to be the meaning of the work?
- What is your critique of this work?