

CRIT 101

Crit Club CheatSheet

● what is an art critique?

- ① a respectful place for artists to give & get feedback
- ② a way to practice analyzing/describing/interpreting art
- ③ an opportunity to connect with other local artists and emphasize community over competition

● a critique does not = criticism!

every artwork is made of a bunch of small decisions - think of breaking down each piece into all the decisions the artist had to make and ask yourself what each decision is doing for the artwork as a whole.

You could talk about... ○○○... the physical elements

- colour, saturation, contrast
- composition, movement
- quality of line, mark making
- size, scale, medium

ask yourself: "why this ___?"

the feeling

- how does it make you feel?
(happy, claustrophobic, curious..)
- what/who/when does it remind you of?
another artist? a tv show? a bird?
- activate the senses
what would it smell like? feel like?
what would its voice sound like?

potential subject matter

- what themes does it touch on, & why?
- what genre of movie/song would it be placed in?

Try to avoid...

...statements that begin with:

"i like" or "i don't like"

we are looking for opinions with weight to them, make it constructive!

eg. if you don't like a certain colour, why is it offputting?

...making it personal & taking it personal

crit club is about the artwork, keep personal anecdotes to a minimum and egos small!

the gist:

everyone will bring 1 piece (completed or in progress) to be subject to critique, each piece will be discussed for 10 minutes, & everyone will critique!