Informal Presentation on Artwork: Walter Ellison’s *Train Station*



Students will visually analyze, research, and present information on Ellison’s *Train Station* in an informal presentation. For your informal presentation you will create an accompanied powerpoint/prezi presentation to serve as a visual aid. Please follow the process below:

Step One: Examine the artwork very closely. Make observations, but refrain from making any interpretations at this point. Describe everything you see. List ten observations, NOT inferences.

Step Two: Generate a list of ten thoughtful questions you have about the artwork.

Step Three: Research and share some information about the artist, Walter Ellison.

Step Four: Research and share some information about the artwork itself. Start with the attached link to the Art Institute of Chicago. We will view this piece on our field trip.

<http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/exhibitions/AfricanAmerican/artwork/105800>

Step Five: Reach a conclusion, and tell your audience what this artwork is about. What is your interpretation now that you conducted some research? Consider connecting to a larger theme/concept or even to a historical period. What is this painting about? What is the author communicating?

Powerpoint/Prezi Template

SLIDE #0: Cover page

* Name
* ATL I - Communication
* Date
* Ellison’s *Train Station*

SLIDE #1: Observations

* Ellison’s *Train Station*
* Ten observations using full sentences.

SLIDE #2: Questions

* Ellison’s *Train Station*
* Ten thoughtful questions about the artwork

SLIDE #3: Artist’s Background

* Ellison’s photo or another painting
* Biography
* Education

SLIDE #4: Research

* Pertinent information about the artwork
* A least two sources
* Cite sources in Reference page

SLIDE #5: Conclusion

* Ellison’s *Train Station*
* Share your interpretation of Ellison’s *Train Station*

SLIDE #6: References

* List all sources using APA style citation
* Guidelines at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/06/>