

Critique

What is Artistic Critique?

“An artistic critique is a detailed analysis and evaluation of a work of art. It involves describing, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating the artwork.”

Why Critique?

To foster growth and development.

To provide support while identifying opportunity.

Ideally, it is about *constructive feedback*,
not judgement or comparison.

Why Critique?

For The Artist:

- Gain new perspectives on your work.
- Discover areas to refine or expand.
- Validate successful decisions.

For The Critiquer:

- Sharpen your ability to analyze art.
- Learn techniques and approaches from peers.
- Build up a vocabulary and understanding of algorithmic aesthetics, and be exposed to others work.

How To Critique

Observe

- What do you see? (Describe without interpretation)
- Avoid assumptions about intention.

Appreciate

- What works well? What stands out?
- Be specific, and focus on elements that resonate with you.

Suggest

- Offer one idea for exploration or improvement.
- Frame it as a possibility, not a directive.

How To Critique

General Guidelines

- Be Specific. “I like X and Y” is better than “It looks good.”
- Focus on the work, not the artist. Avoid things like “You should have...”.
- Use “I” Statements. Things like “I noticed...” or “I felt...”.
- Balance Positive and Constructive Feedback

Receiving Critique

Listen with an Open Mind

- Feedback is not personal – It's about the work.

Ask Clarifying Questions

- If the critiquer doesn't give you enough context, ask for it.

View Feedback as a Gift

- Even well given critique can be hard to hear. Remember we are all trying to help each other grow.