Aesthetics Criteria: *We will be using this criteria to evaluate the aesthetic value of music, art, human attractiveness, clothing, architectural design, nature, film, and what constitutes a beautiful life. Aesthetics are discussed often in social settings, because the attempt to find beauty in this world is a very human pursuit.*

1. **Aesthetic Concepts-** *Often these take the form of adjectives that people attempt to create. i.e. Sublime, beautiful, ridiculous, ugly, shocking, exquisite*
2. **Aesthetic Value-** *What value does the piece of art provide? Practical? Spiritual? Humor? Provoking of thoughts?*
3. **Aesthetic Attitudes-** *From what mindset is the artist coming from in creating the art?*
4. **Intentions-** *What was the artist intending to do by creating this piece of art? Is this even a relevant question?*
5. **Definition of Art-** *What constitutes art? How would you define art? What designates something as a particular type of art? How does one discern between “good” art and “bad” art?*
6. **Expression-** *How do audiences respond to the artwork? Does the viewer emote the way that the artist intended them to emote? Are there higher levels of expression than others?*
7. **Representation-** *How well does the art expression represent the subject of the piece? Is accuracy paramount? Is emotion paramount? Isn’t art simply copying what you’re seeing, or is it deeper?*
8. **Art Object-** *Discerning between the musical score and the performance/The script and the performance. What is the mission of art and was it accomplished? How much creativity was given to expand upon the initial, “recipe”?*