

Compendium of Knowledge 2

Using Biography and Iconography as Methodologies

Each Compendium page needs to include the following:

- **Image** of the artwork with **Caption** that includes the work’s Title, Artist, and Date
- **Analysis** of the work using assigned methodologies guided by questions below
- **Cite** one credible source, originating on paper, in MLA style.
- Include a **Works Cited** page at the end of your page set with full bibliographic entries.
- At least one of the four pages you submit, should include the **citation of a Daily bRead reading**

To guide you, each page should address the following questions:

Artemisia Gentileschi, **Susanna and the Elders** or **Judith Decapitating Holofernes**

Who was the woman depicted and what was her story? What part of her narrative does the artist depict, and why? What other visual elements in the work can you identify and define? How do those other elements assist the overall meaning of the painting? Consider the artist’s biography and what influence her experiences as an artist may have had on the work.

The Proposition

Describe the woman depicted in this painting - who she is, where she is, what she is doing, and how she goes about that activity. Who is the man in the work, and what is he doing? How does the woman react to the man? What overall meaning do the visual elements offer?

Portrait of Marie Antoinette with Her Children or **Cornelia Pointing to Her Children**

Discuss Rousseau’s concept of the Good Mother as it relates to one of these works. Identify the symbols and metaphors employed by the artist and consider the messages that are conveyed in the work about the mother and her responsibilities to her children. How do the visual elements in the work assist the overall meaning of the painting? Consider the artist’s biography and what influence her experiences as an artist may have had on the work.

	Image & Caption	Analysis (Use of Methodology)	Understanding of Material	MLA citation	
Gentileschi	1 point	5 points	2 point	2 point	out of 10 points
Proposition	1 point	5 points	2 point	2 point	out of 10 points
M. Antoinette	1 point	5 points	2 point	2 point	out of 10 points
Works Cited					out of 5 points
At least one Daily bRead citation					out of 5 points
Total					out of 40 points