GCSE Art

Writing about your work and the work of others

Writing an evaluation

-What was the theme/title of your project?
-How have you developed your ideas? Has your work changed much with this project?
-How much reference material did you find (work of other artists, photos, etc) do you think you should have done more of anything? If so, what?
-What artists, art movements or cultures have you looked at to help and inspire you?
-What materials, tools and techniques did these artists use and what ones did you try yourself?
-How have your skills developed during this project?
-Are there any parts of your project that you wish you had explored more?
-What materials did you use on your final outcome and why? Did they work successfully?
-Are you happy with your final piece? Are there any parts you like in particular? And why?
-Is there anything you would change and why?

Writing about your own observational drawings and paintings

-Explain what you have drawn/painted.

-What materials did you use to do it?

-How did you use those materials?

-How does it relate to your project?

-What do you like or dislike about your work?

Writing about your experimentations and mixed media

-What part of your work have you copies and why?

-What materials have you used and why?

-How did you do it?

-What do you like or dislike about using this technique?

-Are you likely to use this technique or method again for this project? explain your answer.

Writing about an artist copy

-What is the name of the piece you have copied?

-Have you copied all of the image, or just a section of it and why?

-What material did you use and why?

-What could you do to make your work better or look more like the artists work?

-How will this work influence your project?

Writing an artist biography

Write in full sentences. Don't just write the answers.

-What is the artists full name? and what country are they from?
-What influences and themes do they use for their work?
-What materials do they mostly use?
-How is their work going to influence your project?

Writing about the work of an artist

-Who is the artist/photographer?
-What is the title, date and size of the picture? (if known)
-Describe what you can see in the artwork.
-How was it made?
-What is the main focus of the picture?
-Are there any other elements? Anything in the background or foreground?
-Are there any lines taking the viewers eye into the picture in a certain direction?
-How has the artist used light for contrast or effect?
-Describe the use of colour if there is any (e.g. any warm tones, cool tones etc)
-Does the work show a certain mood or emotion? Or trying to tell a story or purpose?
-Are there any patterns or textures made within the work?
-How can this work influence your own?

Writing about a design idea

-What is your work a design of? (and what drawing or work have you worked from and why?)
-How has an artist influenced your work?
-What will you make it using? Make sure you label all important parts and features if using a variety of materials and techniques.
-Include a detailed drawing with shading and colour. If your final outcome will be 3D include measurements. Try to use this to make a mini mock up of what your final thing is likely to look like.