



Discussion Board  
**Break the Code!**

You have learned how to “decode” art! You do that by looking at the work, thinking about how it relates to you, and considering what it means. Now, try it with a selected work of abstract art.



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*Canyon by Robert Rauschenberg is a square canvas that has paint plus found objects. The paint is in neutral tones like beige and brown. The found objects include cardboard and a stuffed eagle, at the center bottom. Another found object is a pillow that hangs from a short rope below the bottom right corner of the canvas.*

**Use what you have learned so far and these questions to guide your reflection:**

- What does this artwork depict? Can you tell?
- Why do you think the artist created this work?
- Why might this work be considered a “great” work of art?