1. How would you describe the values of the person who made this artwork?

2. Describe the setting in the artwork. How does the setting inform what this image says about the USA?

3. Why might this image matter to people around you (your friends, family, community)? To your city, nation? To the world?

4. What’s the hidden story in this image? What hidden agenda might the image have?

5. What story about the USA does this image tell? How does this story intersect with your personal beliefs?

6. What values of the USA does the image question or critique? What values does it promote?

7. If this image were an advertisement for the USA, what would it tell you?

8. How does your experience and understanding of US history shape the way you look at this image?

9. If this image was on the cover of a book about the USA, what would the title be and why?

10. Who is represented in the image and how are they related to each other? Who isn’t represented in this image and why?
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11 Describe the image in a few words. How do you think someone who has a different identity from yours would describe the image?

12 How does this image relate to your view of the USA?

13 How does this image portray power relationships? If multiple figures appear in the image, how does power exist between them?

14 How does this image speak to our country’s past/present/future? Why?

15 What makes this image political and how does it relate to your personal politics?

16 How would you describe this image to someone younger than you? To someone older than you?