

Color questions to ask of any Composition

What are the dominant hues being used?

What is the range of intensity that occurs?

What is the value range that occurs?

What color contrasts are being used?

warm/cool

light/dark (value)

intensity

hue contrast or harmony

Is color being used metaphorically or symbolically?

Is color being used psychologically?

Is there a dominant color? Is there a hierarchy of color being used?

Primary Colors

Red, Yellow, Blue

Secondary Colors

Created by mixing two Primaries (Red + Yellow = Green)

Tertiary Colors

Created by mixing two secondaries

Intermediate Colors

Created by mixing adjacent primary and secondary colors

Complimentary Colors

Opposite one another on the color wheel. The lesser amount will modify the dominant color, enhancing its shading or value capability.

Warm Colors

Red, Yellow, Orange, and their derivatives

Cool Colors

Blue, Green, Violet and their derivatives