

OPTIC

Evaluating Visuals

OVERVIEW	Give a brief overview of the visual. Basically write a short descriptive summary about the visual.
PARTS	Focus on the parts of the visual. Read all labels and any written words (if you can). What details seem important?
TITLE	What is the title of the visual? What does it have to say about the visual?
INTERRELATIONSHIPS	Using the title, what big umbrella connects the whole visual? Bring its parts together into a coherent picture.
CONCLUSION	Draw a conclusion about the visual as a whole. What does it mean? Why is this visual important to what we are studying? Be able to summarize the visual in a few sentences or a paragraph at most.

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