

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