Name

Assignment: Write a Critical Analysis of "Falling Rocket"

- View James McNeill Whistler's painting Nocturne in Black and Gold, the Falling Rocket.
- **Read** the essay Whistler v. Ruskin: Aesthetics Trial.
- Write a description and analysis of the painting. Include information about color, composition, subject, and style (abstract, realism). Write neatly using understandable and appropriate grammar.
- Critique the painting. Explain why you do or do not consider this painting to be fine art. Include Whistler's, John Ruskin's, or other art critics' opinion to support your argument.

Assessment of Critical Analysis of "Falling Rocket"

	Excellent	All Right, O.K.	Needs	Unacceptable
			Improvement	
Description	Appropriately	Described	Attempted to	Did not describe
	described	Whistler's	describe	Whistler's painting.
	Whistler's	painting and its	Whistler's	Did not describe
	painting.	color, arrangement	painting. Did not	color, arrangement
	Accurately	(composition),	accurately	(composition),
	described color,	subject, style	describe color,	subject, or style.
	arrangement	(abstract, realism),	arrangement	
	(composition),	but part of	(composition),	
	subject, and style	description is	subject, or style.	
	(abstract,	inaccurate or	The description is	
	realism).	vague.	inaccurate or	
			vague.	
Writing	Composition was	Composition was	Composition was	Composition was
	very well written	well written and	difficult to	poorly written, not
	and	for the most part	understand due to	understandable.
	understandable.	was	poor grammar or	
~		understandable.	spelling.	
Critique	Logical	Argument for or	Argument for or	Argument for or
	understandable	against	against	against considering
	argument for or	considering	considering	Falling Rocket as
	against	Falling Rocket as	Falling Rocket as	fine art is not
	considering	fine art is given,	fine art is	stated. Whistler's,
	Falling Rocket as	but may not be	attempted. May	Ruskin's, or other
	fine art is given.	well stated.	be difficult to	art critic's opinion
	Whistler's,	Whistler's,	understand.	is not included.
	Ruskin's, or other	Ruskin's, or other	Whistler's, John	
	art critic's opinion	art critic's opinion	Ruskin's, or other	
	is included to	is included to	art critic's'	
	support personal	support personal	opinion is	
	opinion.	opinion.	included.	