1. **IDENTIFICATION**: (Artist, title, date, size, country of origin, period/style)

   **183. THE KAABA**
   Pre-Islamic monument; rededicated by Muhammad in 631-632
   Mecca, Saudi Arabia- Islamic.
   Multiple renovations

   3 images: the Kaaba, gathering at the Kaaba

2. **FORM**: (use of design elements/principles: color, shape, value, texture, line, space; balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, etc.)

   Rectangular/cube shrine, corners on each cardinal point, black curtain with gold inscriptions (kiswa)

3. **MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUE**: (art making processes)

   Granite masonry, covered with silk curtain and calligraphy in gold and silver-wrapped thread

4. **CONTENT**: (subject & genre: iconography, symbolism, the story)

   Its arrangement on the four directions and expensive materials emphasize the importance of the religion

   Muhammed removed the pagan idols and rededicated this structure to Allah, part of the pilgrimage

5. **ORIGINAL CONTEXT/ SITE/ INTENDED FUNCTION OF THE WORK**: (Overlap to #6)

   Originally a sanctuary in pre-Islamic era believed that Abraham and his son, Ismail, constructed the Kaaba
   originally a simple rectangular structure without a roof
   Rebuilt by the The Quraysh tribe in 608

6. **INTENDED PURPOSE & MOTIVATION** (why was it made?); **PATRON/AUDIENCE** (who was it made for?); **ARTIST’S DECISION MAKING**:

   Spiritual/Religious Needs
   Important to the Hajj, the pilgrimage all Muslims must partake in a lifetime if they are able
   They would circumambulate the shrine, then may get the chance to touch it

7. **INNOVATION/ CHANGE(S)**:

   Begins tradition of Muslims repurposing art and architecture from other cultures/already existing

   **CONVENTION/ TRADITION(S)**:

   Being a shrine of an important item

8. **THEME(S)**:

   Religious

   **COMPARE TO ANOTHER WORK**:

   Like the Parthenon, this is an important religious structure that the people would dream of visiting. They also both house an important item to their respective religions. However, this structure does not have icons in it as that is against Islam.