

Sorry for the coffee stains!
I went to add originality to my paper. Ha!

Bare Bones Paper on a Work of Art

prepared by:

Rachel Cook

Title

Seated Woman

Accession No.

Artist

Josef Floch

Type of work

Oil on canvas - American

Brief Biography of artist:

Josef Floch was born in Austria in 1895. Always artistically inclined, he joined a group in Vienna called the "Hagenbund" founded in 1900 which stressed ~~the~~ line over color. With the outbreak of WWII, Floch was forced to emigrate to America in 1941 shortly after marrying his wife, Miri Frenkel.

Background Information and facts to bring out:

Floch is often noted for his ~~complex~~ early, yet lonely figural paintings. His works usually contain solitary figures expressing some sort of grieving or mournful emotion.

Formal Qualities (art elements & design principles) observed in the work:

Floch ~~is~~ implements a solid and unhesitating line, yet his painterly style lends a sense of confusion to the bold black lines. The off centered placement of her chair exposes the enormity of the room and the overlying quality of white light accentuates the lonely, stark atmosphere.

Expressive Qualities felt in the work:

The mood of this painting is crucial to its beauty. The open vulnerability of this solitary woman is striking and draws the viewer inside her world. Her dark brown eyes reach out to the viewer as her head is turned out, confronting the viewer. Yet the overall mood is not one of confrontation, but instead of surprise - as though she was caught by the arrival

Questions to ask:

Who is the woman in the painting? How does Floch convey a lonely atmosphere? Can we relate to this woman? What about this painting appeals to the eye? What about this painting appeals to the heart? What is the significance of the cloth across her lap?

Using the work in a tour:

This painting by Josef Floch is simply titled Seated Woman. The woman in the painting is unknown to us, but she expresses a deeply mournful emotional state. She engages the viewer by staring out from the painting which helps to bring you into ~~her world~~ the painting. The loneliness of this piece is empathized