

## ***Writing About/Responding to Visuals:***

Overview-Parts-Title-Interrelationships-Conclusion  
(OPTIC)

**O** is for *overview*—write down a few notes on what the visual appears to be about.

**P** is for *parts*—zero in on the *parts* of the visual. Write down any elements or details that seem important.

**T** is for *title*—highlight the words of the *title* of the visual (if one is available).

**I** is for *interrelationships*—use the title as the theory and the parts of the visual as clues to detect

and specify the *interrelationships* in the graphic.

**C** is for *conclusion*—draw a *conclusion* about the visual as a whole. What does the visual mean?

Summarize the message of the visual in one or two sentences.