

Chapter 16

Focal and Accent Points, Section 4

In this section of the analysis we are going to identify *points of emphasis*, or *accent points* and examine their role in guiding the viewer's reading of the visual image. It will be important to recognize the three most important contrasting elements in the *visual hierarchy*, the *focal point* (element of highest contrast) and next two *accent points* of highest contrast.

Objectives:

Identify points of emphasis, focal & accent points, triangulation

Image Links:

Figure 4.4 <http://www.getty.edu/art/collection/objects/3977/simon-bening-the-arrest-of-christ-flemish-about-1525-1530/>[Public domain], Simon Bening via The J. Paul Getty Museum

Figure 4.5 <http://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435809> Public domain], Pieter Bruegel via The Metropolitan Museum of Art