

# Artists

## Banksy

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Where do you expect to see graffiti? Probably not in a museum. However, thanks to the world's most famous graffiti artist, Banksy, graffiti has become a more appreciated art form and now features in museums and galleries across the land. However, Banksy remains a man of mystery. He hardly ever gives interviews and likes to be anonymous. Banksy's controversial 'street art' includes spray paintings on live sheep and cows and graffiti on the huge wall erected to divide Israeli and Palestine. So has graffiti gone mainstream? Not exactly. It's illegal to paint on somebody else's property so make sure you find a legal graffiti wall if you want to have a go yourself.

### Subject: History

#### Activity Outcome 1) Research the history of graffiti and present this in a creative way.

Use the following links to research and present information on the history of graffiti. You may wish to present this information in a timeline (similar to last weeks), fact file, story board or even your own comic book— get creative, after all, this is an art topic!

You may wish to include information on:

- What the term 'graffiti' means
- Rome and Pompei
- The Berlin Wall
- New York City and 'taggers'
- Links to Hip-Hop
- Modern graffiti artists such as Banksy

#### Watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GNoUYZhrT0>

#### Read:

<https://www.canvasdesign.co.uk/blog/2016/10/the-history-of-graffiti/>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/upper-intermediate-b2-reading/history-graffiti>

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Banksy>

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/graffiti>

### Subject: Art

#### Activity Outcome 3) Create your own, Banksy inspired, stencil artwork.

**Mild:** Get creative and use the videos to help you create your own stencil artwork.

**Hot:** Stencil how Banksy would, by creating a humorous piece of stencil artwork, with the intention of making your audience laugh.

**Flaming Hot:** Stencil how Banksy would, by creating artwork which has a strong, even controversial, political or social message. Your stencil artwork may reflect your opinion on Covid-19, climate change, inequality or anything else that you feel strongly about.

**Remember to sign your artwork with your tag from yesterday.** Share your artwork with us via the weekly Newsletter - we would love to see them!

#### Watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zsghdnm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSNvXI-wVdw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT7sIWRL1lc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzQ38ER3aSg>

**Top Tip 1:** You can print designs straight from your computer and cut these out, instead of drawing them.

**Top Tip 2:** No Paint? No worries! Try making your own:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwacEM9OAIU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=616&v=iDc5xwiM0fM&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=616&v=iDc5xwiM0fM&feature=emb_title)

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#### Activity Outcome 2) Create your own graffiti 'tag'.

Every graffiti artists have their own 'tag', which is just like when an artist signs their own artwork. A tag is the graffiti artist's name or nickname sprayed onto their work, in their own unique style.

Start by deciding what your name or nickname will be. Then, research different styles of writing using the links below and choose one. You may wish to experiment by using <https://www.graffiticreator.net/>, before finally drawing or painting your own (don't worry about using actual spray paints, pens work just as well).

#### Watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yla6yirYRJA> (forward to 4 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LANBe-FJkY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=me3DIEWwxWc>

**Banksy's graffiti is often controversial and the graffiti that you may see on the street can be rude and offensive. It is important that you conduct your graffiti hunt with a parent/carer and discuss with them anything you have seen in Banksy's or others artwork that is troubling you.**

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#### Activity Outcome 4) Judgement Day: Art or Vandalism?

#### Read:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46632542>

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/graffiti>

#### Watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag-iTSQnigY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob9Q1E2X3eA> **Watch with an adult.**

Now that you have observed and created graffiti artwork, it is time for you to make a closing judgement: is graffiti a form of artwork or a form of vandalism?

A) Look at the collection of artwork by Banksy. For each one annotate: how it makes you feel, what it makes you think, your likes and dislikes. Then make your judgement: is it artwork or is it vandalism?

B) As part of your 'one form of exercise a day' and with your parent/carer, go on a walk around your local area, paying close attention to any bus shelters, undergrounds or walls. Can you spot any graffiti? If so, how does it make you feel? What, if any, message is it trying to portray? Is it art or vandalism? Why?

If you think it is indeed art, then take a picture and share your thoughts on it with us via email or on our Twitter page.

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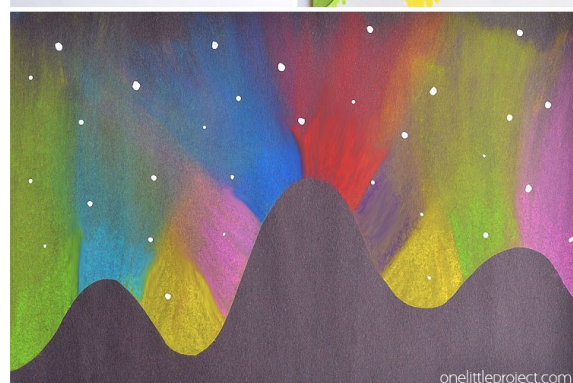
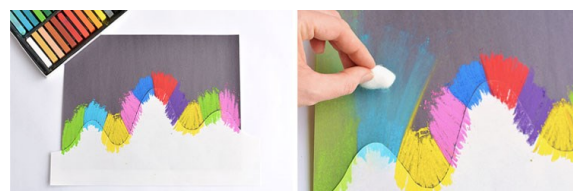
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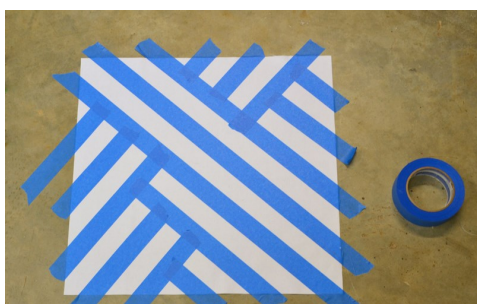
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Go large and ask someone else to draw around you to make your own life-size stencil!

No paint? No worries! Ask an adult to borrow the head of a cleaning product and then mix food dye with water to spray through it.



Finding drawing stencil challenging? Simplify your art work by using placing on and peeling off masking tape to reveal a cool pattern.



## Activity Outcome 4) Judgement Day: Art or Vandalism?

Banksy uses his art to give his opinion on events that are happening in the world. He is known as a political activist. The graffiti he paints shows what he thinks. The most common themes are his views on greed, poverty, despair, the obsession with celebrities, the government and war.



This is a Banksy mural showing a star being chiselled from the EU flag.

The artwork appeared on a derelict building near Dover's ferry terminal in May 2017.



This appeared on the side of Bridge Farm Primary School in Whitchurch, with the artist sending the school a letter saying "it's always easier to get forgiveness than permission" as children returned from half-term.



Banksy stencilled this on the side wall of a Poundland store in Wood Green, London in May 2012. The artwork depicts an urchin child at a sewing machine assembling a bunting of Union Jack patches. The artwork was a form of protest but what was it protesting against?

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This is one of Banksy's more unique pieces because he was actually given permission by The Royal Mail to use this space to create something, even though they had no idea what Banksy was thinking of putting there.

Think about the message it wishes to portrait and how it is strategically placed...



This is an image of two boys helping each other to reach the sign and take the spray paint can within the sign.

Is there something ironic, even funny, about this picture?



What is Banksy saying about the elderly and the young people in society?



On the 15th April, Banksy published his latest work of art on his social media. He entitled it:

"My wife hates it when I work from home."