

Who made this picture?





Banksy

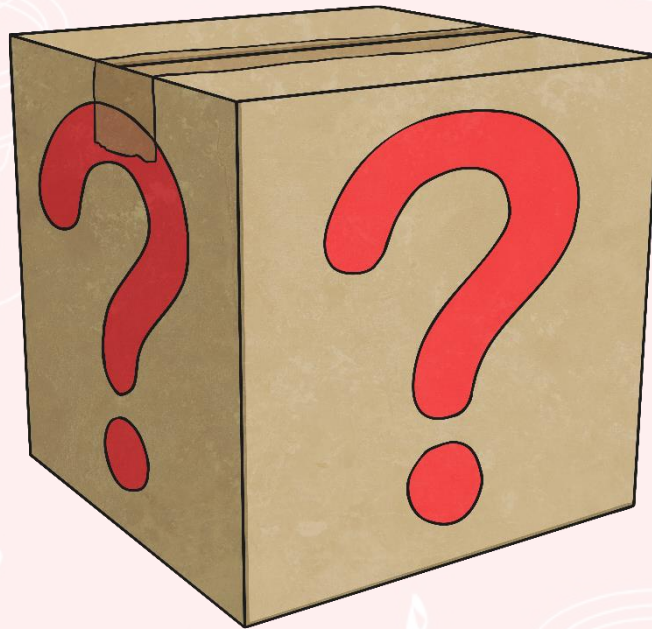


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Who Is Banksy?

The simple answer is: no one really knows.

Banksy is an anonymous graffiti artist. That means he keeps his identity hidden. He will not do media interviews, he won't release his real name, and he will not allow photos or copies of his artwork to be made and sold.



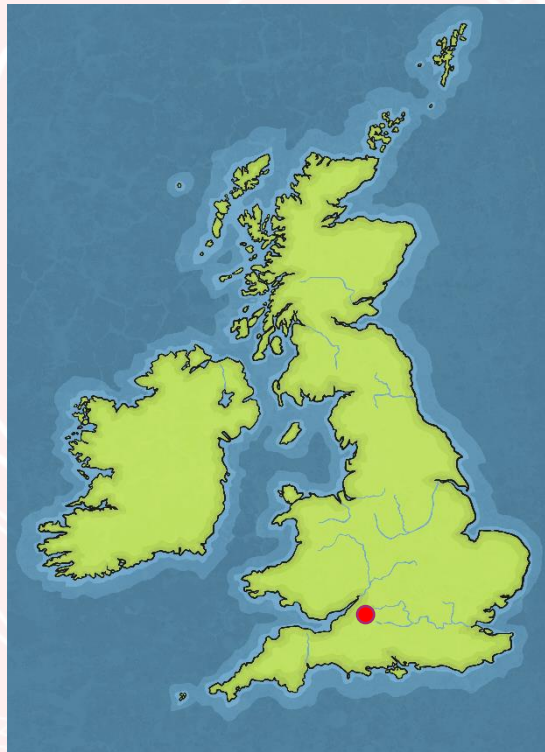
What Is Graffiti?

Graffiti is writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed secretly on a wall or other surface in a public place. It is generally considered to be vandalism. Vandalism is a crime and vandals can be punished.



Vandalism is the deliberate destruction of belongings or property.

Banksy's Beginnings



Banksy is originally from Bristol, England. He was part of the Bristol underground art scene, and he was inspired by the graffiti artist called 3D.

Banksy first started working as a freehand graffiti artist in 1990 and continued until 1994. He met a photographer called Steve Lazarides, who began selling his art for him. Steve then became Banksy's agent, which means he arranged exhibitions.

Technique

Banksy uses stencils to create his artwork. He draws an outline onto card or acetate sheets and then cuts the shapes out by hand. He then uses spray paint on the stencil to create the graffiti.

Banksy has said that before he used stencils, he was very slow at painting, so he often got caught or didn't finish a piece at all.

Some graffiti artists think it is cheating to use stencils. They prefer to paint freehand.

This is one of his most famous pictures –Girl with a balloon



Banksy in Liverpool



Banksy has painted on walls all over the country. He often had pictures of rats in his paintings.

Voicing His Opinion

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.

Graffiti artists have a 'tag', which is like putting a signature on their work.



London, 2011



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What do you think Banksy is saying?



Shop Till You Drop



Banksy has taken a famous saying and turned it into an amusing piece of art.

What is he saying about how much shopping people do?

What Do You Think?

Some people do not think Banksy's graffiti is "art" but think it is vandalism and shouldn't be encouraged or praised. After all, he is painting these murals on public walls without permission.

Some people think it will make others copy him and start painting on areas around cities and towns where they are not allowed.

Then there are other people who say that Banksy is making everyone aware of problems in the world and that he should be allowed to 'voice his opinion through art'.

What do you think about Banksy's graffiti?



What do you think this picture could be about?



Banksy made and put this picture in a hospital, a few weeks ago, he left a note for hospital workers saying: “Thanks for all you’re doing. I hope this brightens the place up a bit, even if it’s only black and white.”





Once lockdown is over, the painting will be put on public display and ultimately auctioned, with all the proceeds going to NHS charities.

What do you think picture represents?



Black Lives Matter

Banksy has shown his support for the [Black Lives Matter movement](#), saying “people of colour are being failed by the system”.

The graffiti artist wrote in an [Instagram](#) post: “At first I thought I should just shut up and listen to black people about this issue. But why would I do that? It’s not their problem, it’s mine.

“People of colour are being failed by the system. The white system. Like a broken pipe flooding the apartment of the people living downstairs. The faulty system is making their life a misery, but it’s not their job to fix it. They can’t, no one will let them in the apartment upstairs.

“This is a white problem. And if white people don’t fix it, someone will have to come upstairs and kick the door in.”

... What do you think he means by saying this, try talking to people at home, what do they think that Banksy means?

Edward Colston statue.

See if you can find out why this statue was recently pulled down.



The sketch on the right is a suggestion from Banksy, that demonstrates how the statue could be displayed in future.
What do you think should be done with the statue?

Banksy's Coronavirus Lockdown Art,

made 15 April 2020

It is called 'My wife hates it when I work from home'



**Can you find the rat stepping on the toothpaste?
The rat knocking the mirror to one side?**



The tally in the mirror
are the number of days
that he had been in
lockdown!



What else can you see!

Now it's your turn!

1. Decide on a statement that you would like to make about the lockdown / the coronavirus!
2. Decide where in the house or garden your art is going to go (even if this is only temporary)
3. I don't think you will be very popular if you spray on the walls, so make your art on paper, Banksy's art is mostly black and white, although you could have highlights of colour.
4. If you need pictures to help you, look them up online or copy real objects – so that they look as realistic as possible (the idea should come from your head, the images should come from studying real things).
5. Draw in pencil first, keep going until you are 100% happy with it/them.
6. Then add pen or paint, make sure that it is bold and it stands out.
7. Cut out the images, if you are allowed, Blu-Tack them into position (ask first), otherwise just balance them.
8. Take a photograph and email it to Mrs Phillips!

Success Criteria

To think about Banksy's artwork and what it represents.

To design and make a Banksy style mural, on paper.

To have made a clever, original piece of artwork that responds to the Coronavirus lockdown.

To have fun and be arty!