



What is Street Art - Artwork created in a public space, typically without official permission

Recognise the key works by Banksy



Flower Thrower

By substituting a weapon for a bunch of flowers, Banksy is advocating for peace.



Girl with a balloon

In this piece of street art, Banksy is reminding the viewer to hold on to hope even when it feels out of reach.



Kissing coppers

Originally unveiled on the wall of the Prince Albert Pub in Brighton (referred to as the LGBTQ capital of the UK) in 2004

Banksy—Who is he?

Banksy is one of the world’s most famous artists, but despite his global following, his identity remains, officially at least, unknown.

Banksy started off in the early nineties as a freehand graffiti artist and a member of the DryBreadZ Crew of Bristol.

By 2000, he had begun using a technique called stencil graffiti which allowed him to apply his designs quicker and create identical versions of the same image.

Banksy’s work often contains a political message which encourages people to think about things that affect their lives and consider whether they think something in society is right or wrong.

Opinions are divided as to whether Banksy’s graffiti should be viewed as vandalism or a way of voicing a strong belief through artwork.

Key Vocabulary

| Vocabulary | Definition |
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| Lettering | Letters written or printed on something else. |
| Typography | The style and appearance of printed matter |
| Calligraphy | Decorative handwriting or lettering (usually with a pen or brush) |
| Stencil | A piece of material with lettering or a design that is cut out and through which ink or paint is applied onto the surface behind. |
| Social Media | Websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to |
| Represent | To stand for or be a sign for. |
| Climate change | A change in global or regional climate patterns. |

Key Skills involved in making and using a stencil

- Sponge paint within the realms of the stencil
- Use a craft knife safely
- Use a hand grip correctly
- Cut a stencil that has big spaces and clear lines