

Who is he?

It is not commonly known who Banksy really is.

It is believed he was born in **1974** in **Bristol, England**.

We know very little about him.

Many people have tried to find out who is the man behind the world famous street art, but so far no one has been able to reveal his true identity.



Why do you think Banksy does not want people to know his real name and identity?

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What is he famous for?

Banksy is famous for creating **graffiti art** which always happens on the street (often termed street art').

Banksy uses graffiti art to **give his opinion on events that are happening in the world.**

He is known as a **political activist.**

The most common issues he creates art about are: **poverty, celebrity culture, greed, social inequality, the government and war.**

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Let's explore some of his famous works – what do you notice about them?



Shop until you drop (2011)

Banksy created this graffiti of a woman with a shopping trolley falling down the side of a building. Items are falling out of the trolley as she falls.

This was purposely placed on a **expensive street in Mayfair, London**, which has lots of luxury shops.

This graffiti provokes discussion about **consumerism**.

Being painted so high up on a building, it is **one of the best preserved of Banksy's artwork**, even though it is not covered in perspex.



Why did Banksy put this artwork on a street where people with lots of money shop for luxury goods?



One Nation Under CCTV (2007)

Daring Banksy created this graffiti on a **very busy street in Central London**. This piece was painted overnight and right next to a CCTV camera.

It makes a statement about how much surveillance there is in society watching us.

This piece has since been removed by the local council.



Why do you think the council removed it?



Unnamed (2005)

Banksy graffiti at the Israeli West Bank barrier in Palestine.

He painted many provocative images along the wall.

This is a highly political move as this wall prevents city residents from having freedom in their local area.



What do you think the local residents thought about Banksy's art work?



Task: Inspired by Banksy

Think of an **issue in society that you think is unjust and/or needs more awareness.**

Design two stencils (and phrases if you like) that you could graffiti onto a wall or other outside space.

Fill in the **planning sheet** with your ideas and your design.

Some issues you may think about:

Hunger, poverty, illness, war, unemployment, inequality, gender inequality.

Graffiti art planning sheet

Design

Title: _____

Type of building and location you would graffiti this work onto: _____

Issue it is highlighting: _____

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