



Unit of work  
Banksy – graffiti art

Year group  
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#### Prior learning

- Understanding the work of various artists
- Understanding the wide range of techniques used by artists explored.

#### National Curriculum

- About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

#### Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
Contemporary	Contemporary art is the art of today, produced in the second half of the 20th century or in the 21st century. Contemporary artists work in a globally influenced, culturally diverse, and technologically advancing world.
Abstract art	Abstract art uses visual language of shape, form, color and line to create a composition which may exist with a degree of independence from visual references in the world.
Foreground	The part of a view that is nearest to the observer, especially in a picture or photograph. The first third from the bottom of the picture. Things appear larger as they are closer to the observer.
Mid-ground	The point between foreground and background in an image. The middle third from the bottom of the picture. Things appear slightly smaller than the foreground as they are further from the observer.
Background	The part of a picture, scene, or design that forms a setting for the main figures or objects, or appears furthest from the viewer. The top third of a picture.
Perspective	Representing three-dimensional objects on a two-dimensional page to give the right impression of their height, width, depth, and position in relation to each other.
Graffiti	Graffiti is writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed secretly on a wall or other surface in a public place.
Vandalism	The deliberate destruction of belongings or property.
Anonymous	An unknown identity, not identified by name.
Artist's tag	A signature or mark the artist's work.

## Knowledge/ Skills

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.

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## Pictures

