



Graffiti Art

The Original Graffiti Art Writers



Portrait of Darryl McCray with his tag

Darryl McCray, better known as Cornbread, is the man who is often credited with being the first graffiti writer, tagging his name all over North Philadelphia. The story goes that he started graffiti writing because of a girl he had a crush on, Cynthia Custuss, which led to him writing all over the area, then continuing with his own tag.

Graffiti – New York & The 1970's



Portrait of Phase 2 with his artwork

The early 1970's saw the emergence of two legends of the graffiti scene- Phase 2, who developed his distinctive bubble writing and Blade, who became known for covering entire train carriages with graffiti work.

Hip-Hop, Punk & Graffiti



Mural by the artist Keith Haring

The 1980's saw graffiti and street art become inextricably linked with the emerging hip-hop scene that helped to spread the graffiti culture worldwide. The 1980's also saw a move towards conceptual graffiti & urban artworks by artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring and Richard Hambleton.

Modern Artists- Jessica Sabogal



<http://www.jessicasabogal.com/>

Note- the video says the word “sh*t once.

Art or Crime?

Graffiti and street art can be controversial, but can also be a medium for voices of social change, protest, or expressions of community desire.



Types of graffiti- tag and throw-up

Tags and throw-ups are the most basic forms of graffiti. Tags are the writings of the names of graffiti artists in highly stylized letters. Throw-ups are slightly more complicated than graffiti tags and include the use of more colors. It is considered disrespectful to write a tag over another artist's tag or work.



Types of graffiti- stencil, poster, sticker

A stencil is an easy way to put up detailed pieces. By spraying over a stencil, you can produce a more detailed piece than by doing it free hand. And it's also repeatable. A poster (or smaller piece- a sticker) is a quick and easy way to put up pieces. You just make the piece at home then paste it up where you want.



Types of graffiti- piece

A piece (short for masterpiece) is a picture that has been painted free hand. They contains at least three colours and take longer to paint.



Your assignment- you must be in the photo you turn in!

You will do three art pieces over the next two weeks-

- Name Tag- Either use your real name, or come up with a tagger name and write it using a graffiti style. You can use just a pencil and keep it black and white or add color. DUE Wednesday May 13th
- Sidewalk message- Graffiti is about communication. Come up with a message you want to share with the people in your neighborhood. Use sidewalk chalk, or look on slide 12 for an easy recipe for sidewalk paint! Find at least three places to write your message, and take photos when you are done. DUE Monday May 18th
- Final piece- Most large graffiti pieces are about a social issue. Think about an issue you find important and create an artwork with a message. You can use whatever you want (pencil, markers, chalk.....) Due Thursday May 21st

Name Tag video and examples



Watch the video to learn how to draw bubble letters. Don't worry if you don't have a sharpie or fancy eraser. All you really need is a regular pencil.



Sidewalk message

How to make sidewalk paint-

Mix together-

1 cup flour

1 cup water

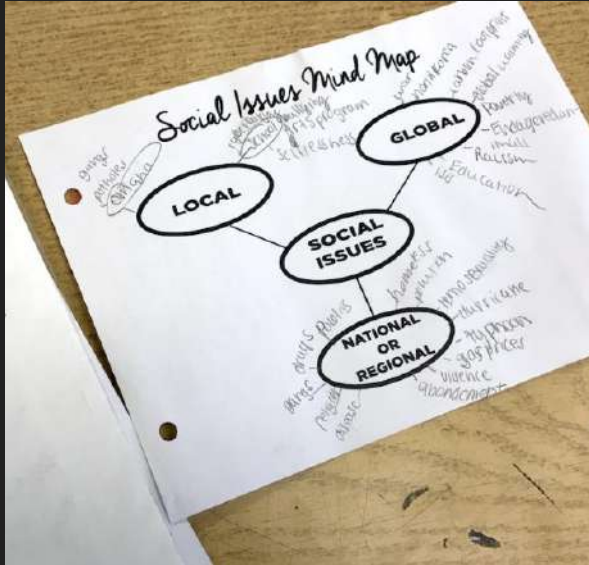
1 TBSP dish soap

A few drops of food coloring,
or leave it white.



Social Issue artwork- “What do you want your artwork to say?”

A social issue is an issue that has an impact on individuals in society. There are many types of issues that affect people. Try doing a mind map and listing local, global, and national social issues.



Racism

Ethical issues

Unequal opportunity

Substance abuse

Expressing Individuality

Confronting Bullies

Dealing with Social Pressures

Cultural issues

Navigating the Online World

Ethnic issues

Gender issues

How can you visually represent and support your cause? Try Symbolism!!!

Symbolism- the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities. Examples on this page (can you figure out which symbol represents which idea) Love. Peace. Power. Silence. Unity. Diversity.



Student examples-

