

Graffiti is drawing or writing on walls, sidewalks or buildings. Graffiti has been in existence since ancient times in Egypt, Greece and Rome.



Graffiti from ancient Pompeii, Italy was discovered when the city was excavated. Excavation began in the mid 1700s and continues to this day.





Some of the most common styles of modern graffiti have their own names.

A "tag" is the most basic writing of an artist's name. A graffiti writer's tag is his or her personalized signature.



A "piece" – short for "masterpiece" – is a large, complex, and labor-intensive graffiti painting. *Pieces* often incorporate 3-0 effects, arrows, and many colors and color-transitions, as well as various other effects. These will usually be done by artists with more experience. A "piece" is considered to be the artist's most beautiful work of graffiti.

Wall Therapy is a community graffiti project based right here, in Rochester NY. Wall Therapy uses public murals as a means to transform the urban landscape, inspire, and build community.

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These next slides contain images of Wall Therapy Murals in Rochester, NY How many of these have you seen?





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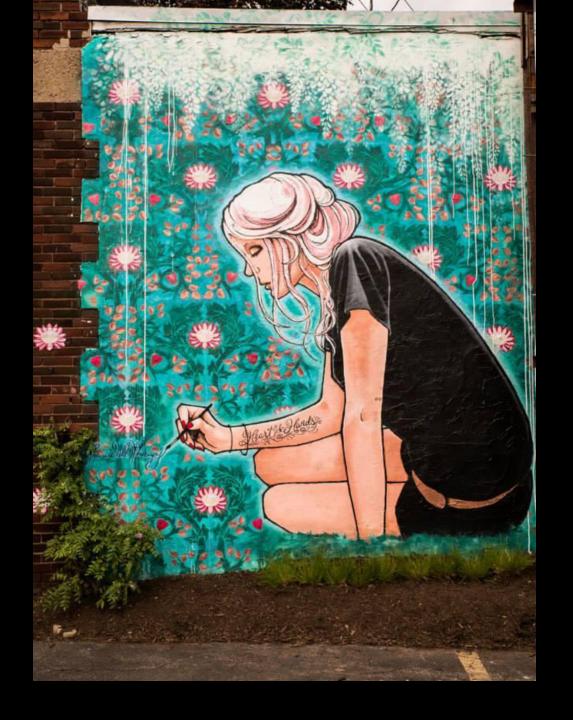




















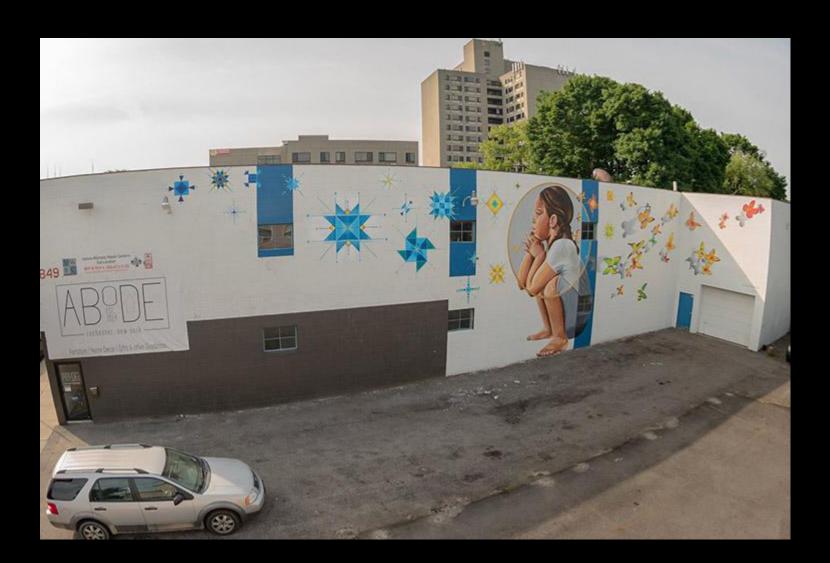












The Next Steps:

Go to wall-therapy.com to see more of our local murals, find their exact locations and see interviews with their creators.

Download the Graffiti Project Handout for directions how to creat your own tag or graffiti word.