

The image features a close-up, grayscale photograph of a brick wall. The bricks are arranged in a traditional running bond pattern. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "Year 6 Art: week 2" in a black, sans-serif font.

Year 6 Art: week 2

The big question...

...is graffiti ART or
VANDALISM?

who said
graffiti was
ugly



Learning Objective:

To be able to express my own opinion about graffiti

Success criteria:

- I know the history of graffiti
- I know what the law is in regards to graffiti
- I recognise that there are different types of graffiti for different purposes



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What is Graffiti?

Graffiti is writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed on a wall or other surface in a public place, usually without permission.



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Graffiti has been around for longer than you might think.....from ancient cave art of the aborigines'



To the modern day Graffiti seen in towns and cities today

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Watch the following film clip to learn a little bit about the history of graffiti:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GNoUYZhrT0->

History of Graffiti



- Graffiti has been around for millions of years. Romans wrote on the walls of buildings they conquered and cave men drew illustrations on cave walls.
- Graffiti first became big in New York and spread through other states. It started as tagging or writing your name on a street sign. Then gangs used graffiti as a way to mark territory.
- Not long after, graffiti became a form of art. It inspired young artists to come out and use this new art as a form of self expression. Whatever mood they were feeling they were able to make something beautiful.
- Graffiti started moving from streets to subways and quickly became competitive. Graffiti artists had to compete for space and it inevitably offended property owners.
- This, and the misunderstanding that all graffiti represented gang activity, led to community pressure on politicians.

Graffiti and the Law



Criminal Damage Act 1971

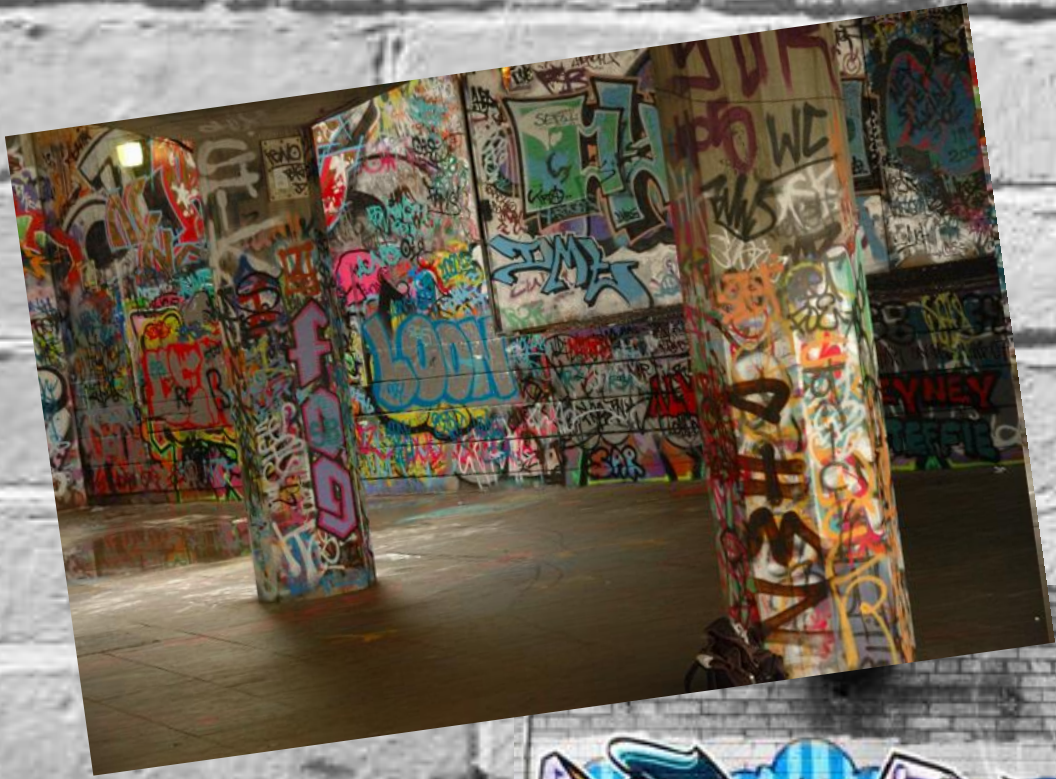
If you're caught doing graffiti, you will be guilty of a criminal offence under s1 of the [Criminal Damage Act 1971](#) (CDA 1971). Sentences for graffiti range from a conditional discharge from the magistrates' court for minor damage, to up to 10 years imprisonment by the Crown Court where the damage caused is more than £10,000. Alternatively, you may be given a fine or a [community service order](#) – often the case in relation to [young offenders](#).

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However, Some councils have allocated certain places for graffiti like skate parks, subways and abandoned buildings.

Can you think of any places that you have been to where there are areas designated for graffiti?

The Southbank Undercroft





Leake Street, London





Sunbury Cross





***Graffiti can often
communicate a
message***



***The community can
have a voice
through graffiti***

***Sometimes it is
beautiful...***



Sometimes it is not



For Graffiti or Against Graffiti

Graffiti is a symbol of freedom. Freedom of speech is a right people have died for.	The graffiti problem, I suppose, will never stop because more and more people who can't write on paper come and write on our walls, our environment!
Graffiti is disgusting and gets people into bad habits, wherever people find a blank space they scribble all over it.	Graffiti inspires people to enjoy their environment and to express themselves. It makes areas look interesting.
Graffiti artists take much time and effort in practicing technique, covering portfolios prior to visually entertaining the public.	There is no way of finding out who does graffiti but I know it should be stopped!!!!!!
Art is an output of feelings and emotions which can express and inform particular issues of society.	The people who do this obviously don't respect other people's property.
Graffiti is against the law. There is never a reason to break the law	Murals are painted in memory of respected people and events on places such as the Berlin Wall to improve our landscape and remind passersby.
Some places become famous for their graffiti culture, which attracts visitors and money to the area.	People should only do graffiti in legal areas as it encourages people to vandalise private property and 'tag' things which looks scruffy.

Read through these statements and colour those FOR graffiti in one colour and those AGAINST graffiti in another colour

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Time for you to make up your own mind...

Communicate your opinion on 'is graffiti art or vandalism?' using an A4 piece of paper. You can write a paragraph, draw a mind map or create a piece of graffiti inspired art, it's up to you! Ensure you have included the following information:

I think that graffiti is....

My first reason for this is...

My second reason for this is....

My final reason for this is....

I think that graffiti artists should...

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**In preparation for next week:
Find out some information about the
famous graffiti artist Banksy
Have a look at some of his artwork
online and pick one or two that you
particularly like.
Think about what it is that you like.
Is it the colours? The image?
The message?**