

Banksy's Beginnings

Banksy is originally from Bristol, England. He was part of the Bristol underground art scene in the 1990's and well known in his home town for his paintings on trains and walls.

By the 2000's he had expanded his work beyond Bristol, and was soon leaving his anonymous, artistic mark all over the world.

He quickly became known as a rebellious artist who would poke fun at big companies and send political messages through his work.

Banksy uses stencils to complete his public artwork as this allows him to create his paintings in great detail in a short amount time.

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There are lots of people who love what he does, paying many thousands of pounds for it and consider it to be incredible art. But there are others who do not support what he does and consider it vandalism.

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Voicing His Opinion

Banksy uses his art to give his opinion on events that are happening in the world. He is known as a political activist. The graffiti he paints shows what he thinks. The most common themes are his views on greed, poverty, despair, the obsession with celebrities, the government and war.





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Look at the following examples of some of Banksy's most famous artwork.

What do you notice about his style of art?

- Is it realistic?
- Notice his use of tone to create a 3D effect
- What do you notice about the colours he uses?
- How does he use space to create depth in his paintings?

Make a list of 3 things that give Banksy's art his distinct style

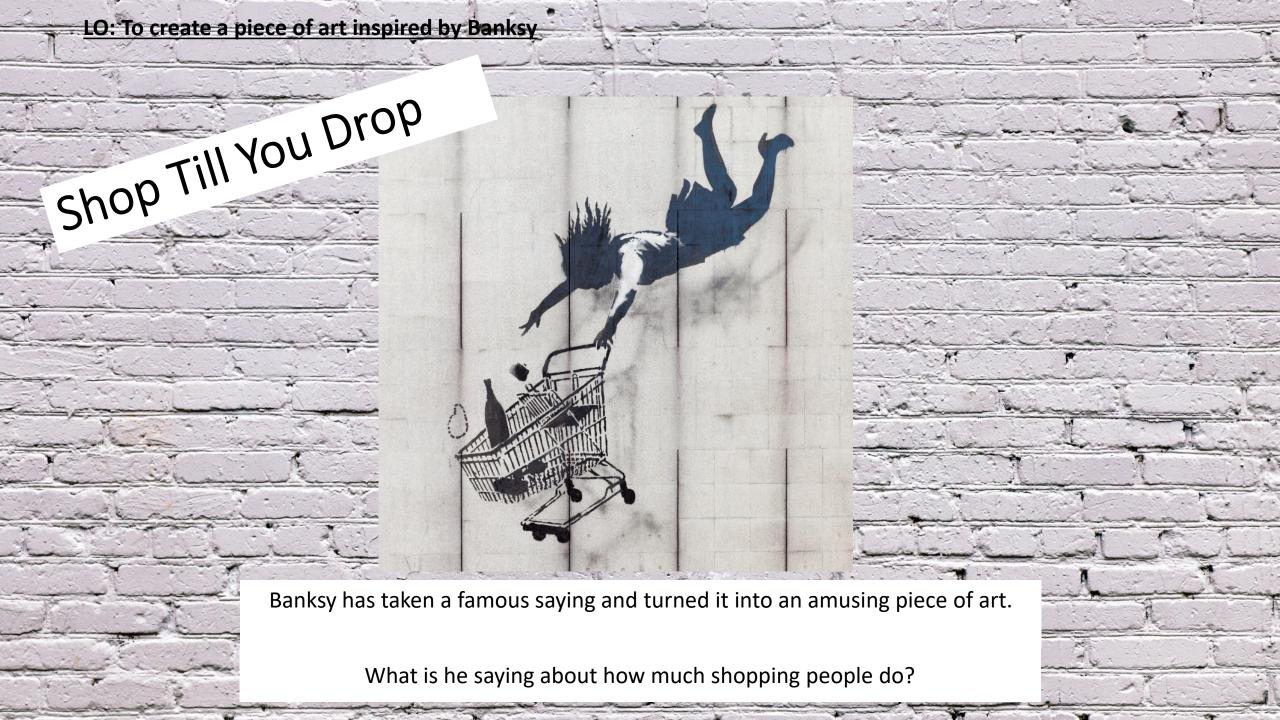
LO: To create a piece of art inspired by Banksy THE MID WID WEST... Rat in London The rat is holding a camera. What message do you think Banksy is sending through this painting? Mild Mild West (1997) was Banksy's first large wall mural. It was painted in Bristol.

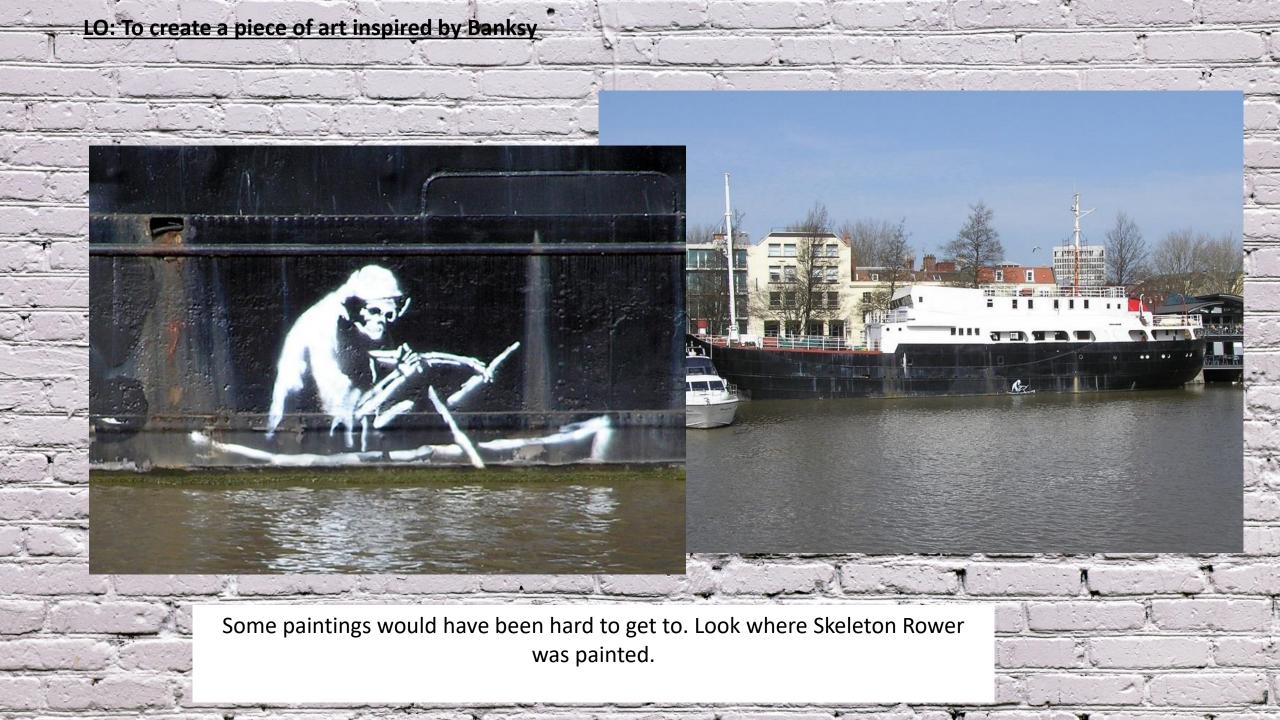


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This piece of a girl letting go of a heart shaped balloon is one of Banksy's most famous artworks, created on the wall of a printing shop in Shoreditch in London in 2002.







Now it's your turn to create a piece of art inspired by Banksy

You could:

- Draw a copy of your favourite Banksy piece
- Use a Banksy piece to inspire your own creation e.g. use a different animal instead of his iconic rat, a boy instead of a girl letting go of a shaped kite instead of a balloon etc
- Print off some Banksy pictures and combine them to make an original piece

It is up to you how you choose to be inspired.

This youtube video is a tutorial on how to draw a Banksy inspired piece of art if you are stuck

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qDLV65joMM

