

Year 6, Term 5: How do artists express modern life?

The Marilyn Monroe series by Andy Warhol



Two of Banksy's most famous pieces of art



Andy Warhol (1928-1987)

- Born Andrew Warhola
- American artist, director, and producer.
- Born and raised in Pittsburgh, USA
- Liked to produce artwork based on photographs of celebrities, like the famous image of Marilyn Monroe.
- Warhol used screen printing which creates lots of artworks that look the same.

Banksy

- Banksy is an anonymous artist.
- He is an England-based street artist.
- Banksy has been active since the 1990s.
- His freehand graffiti started to appear in Bristol between 1990-1994.
- After his early work, he switched to a stencilling technique as it was deemed to be quicker.
- His work is often deemed as controversial.
- By the early 2000s he appeared to relocate to London as his artwork became more frequent there.
- Banksy travelled to Palestine and the West Bank where he stencilled nine images on the Bethlehem Wall.
- In 2015, Banksy organised a temporary art project called Dismaland, a dystopian theme park built in Weston-Super-Mare, in England. Prepared in secret, the project unveiled 10 new works by Banksy and pieces from 58 other artists.
- Banksy's artwork has been seen in the following countries across the world: Australia, England, the United States, Israel, Jamaica and even Canada.

Vocabulary

triplet	A six-digit number that represents a certain shade of colour.
pop art	A style of modern art that uses bright colours and images from everyday, modern life.
advertising	Using artwork to promote and sell goods.
popular culture	Culture based on the tastes of ordinary people.
irony	A humorous or sarcastic use of words to imply the opposite of what they normally mean.
screen printing	A form of printing where a mesh is used to transfer ink onto a substrate.
stencil	A piece of paper, plastic or metal with a design cut out of it. You place the stencil on a surface so the paint goes through the holes and leaves the design on the surface.
substrate	The surface or layer a piece of artwork is produced on.
street art	Artwork that is created outside in public places, usually without permission.
graffiti	Words or pictures that are written or drawn in public places, for example on walls.
vandalism	Causing deliberate damage of things, especially public property.
stippling	The creation of a pattern using small dots.