



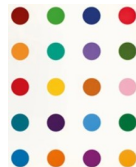
What is Art?

In this unit, you will explore different types of **Contemporary** and **Street** artwork and decide what you think about them. You will learn to critique different artworks, share your opinions and give reasons for them.

Drawing on inspiration from artists, children you will create your own street art using a stencil.

Contemporary Artists:

Damien Hirst—English artist, entrepreneur, and art collector. He is reportedly the United Kingdom's richest living artist. Many of his works have created controversy owing to the way they were created or their use of animals.



Yayoi Kusama

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese contemporary artist who works primarily in sculpture and installation,

but is also active in painting, performance, video art, fashion, poetry and fiction.



Cornelia Parker

Born in England in 1956.

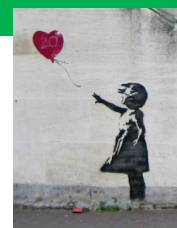
Creates sculptures from found objects, often transformed by violence.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Contemporary Art	Contemporary art is the art of today, produced in the second half of the 20th century or in the 21st century.
Conceptual Art	A piece of art where the meaning is as important as the piece itself.
Graffiti	writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed without permission on a wall or other surface in a public place.
Street art	Artwork that is created in a public space.
Controversial	Causing disagreement or discussion, challenging to look at or understand.
Installation art	Installation artworks often occupy an entire room or gallery space that the spectator has to walk through in order to engage fully with the work of art.

Street Artists:

Banksy
England
(?)



STIK
London
(1979-)



Jean-Michel Basquiat
New York
(1960-1988)

