STREET ART

CORRIGÉ – TEACHER'S KEY

Street art is a type of art that is created in public places, usually outside of traditional art galleries.
It's like a big art show happening all around you **in cities**! It can include **paintings**, **drawings**, **sculptures**, or even **performances**.

Some street artists create temporary* art, like **drawings on the ground with chalk** or **musical performances**. Other artists create more lasting* works, often called "urban art," using tools like **spray cans** or **stencils on walls**.

Street Art in New York City

In the 1970s, artists in cities like **Philadelphia** and **New York City** started using **spray cans** to create art **on walls** and **subway trains**. **This was a new way to express themselves**. While some people saw it as art, others considered it vandalism* because it was done without permission*. One famous artist from New York who wrote his name, "**SEEN**," on many subway trains became very well-known.

Street Art in Paris

The famous street artist **Banksy** once said that the street art in **Paris** influenced him a lot. He thought that the street art movement really began during a small revolution in May 1968 in Paris. He also mentioned another important **stencil** artist named **Blek le Rat**, who was a pioneer* in using **stencils** for street art.

Art and Messages

After the Berlin Wall came down, an artist named **Shepard Fairey** started **gluing pictures** of a French wrestler named André the Giant in **California**. It became very popular, and soon people were making **stickers** of the wrestler's image.

Invading Space with Art

In 1999, an artist known as **Space Invader** (who got his name from a video game) started placing **small mosaic artworks** in **Paris**. He began by putting them in famous places like **the Louvre Museum**. Soon, French TV showed his work, and he started placing his mosaics **in cities all over the world.**

His art is not temporary; it's made to last, but it's also very small and discreet. Because of this, authorities often let him continue his work. Only in **Amsterdam** did the city decide to remove* his mosaics.

Adapted from "Street art facts for kids", Kiddle Encyclopedia, kids.kiddle.co/Street_art

temporary ≠ **lasting** = for a long time
vandalism = damaging things on purpose
without permission = nobody said "yes"
a pioneer = one of the first people to do something
to remove = to take away

1. Highlight in the text

RED the **definition** ofstreet art and the **motivations** of street artists (why?)
GREEN the different **forms and techniques** of street art (what ?)
ORANGE the **places** where we can find street art (where?)
YELLOW the **names** of street artists (who?)

2. Complete the grid. If the information is not in the text, write "not in the text".

	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?	WHAT? (technique)	WHY?
Street art in New York	In the 1970s	In Philadelphia and New York City, on walls and subway trains	Artists, e.g. SEEN	Art with spray cans	It was a new way to express themselves.
Street art in Paris	In May 1968 (according to Banksy)	In Paris	Blek le Rat (a pioneer)	Stencils	Not in the text
Shepard Fairey	After the Berlin Wall came down	In California	Shepard Fairey	He glued pictures of André the Giant → stickers	Not in the text
Space Invader	In 1999	In Paris (the Louvre), then in cities all over the world	Space Invader	Small mosaic artworks	Not in the text

3. Art or vandalism? Copy the sentence from the text.

→ "While some people saw it as art, others considered it vandalism because it was done without permission."

4. Techniques – Match each word with its definition. Underline the key words .

Definitions: Kiddle Encyclopedia & Wikipedia, Art UK (artuk.org), Mural Arts Philadelphia (muralarts.org).

A. GRAFFITI •

B. A TAG •

C. A MURAL •

D. A STENCIL •

E. A MOSAIC •

F. YARN BOMBING •

G. WHEATPASTING •

H. STICKER ART •

I. CLEAN TAG •

- **1**.Imagine a sheet of material, like paper or plastic,with holes cut out of it. When you place it on a surface and apply ink or paint through the holes, the color only goes where the holes are.
- **2.** It's made by decorating a surface with pictures and patterns. These designs are created using many small, colorful pieces. These pieces can be made of stone, glass, or tiles.
- **3.** It is a form of street art in which an image or message is publicly displayed (= shown) using s _ _ _ _ _ s.
- **4.** It is a large painting that is made directly on a wall or ceiling.
- **5.** It means drawings, scribbles, or marks made on a public surface. It's often done with spray paint from a can.
- **6.** Graffiti artists often sign their work with a special signature called a ... . It is like their unique symbol.
- **7.** It means covering poles, posts and street furniture with brightly coloured wool or yarn.
- **8.** It means applying posters to a wall using glue made from wheat mixed in water.
- **9.** It is a method of creating temporary or semi-permanent images on walls or other surfaces by removing dirt from a surface.

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