STREET ART

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					
Street art in Paris					
Shepard Fairey					
Space Invader					

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

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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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