

Visual Art Virtual Learning

Art I - Street Art

May 8, 2020



Art I Lesson: May 8, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: We will be learning about street artists.

Local Street Art

If you take a stroll or drive around downtown Independence you will find several examples of street art.



Truman Mural



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This mural is painted on the east side of the building at 311 W.

Kansas that is occupied by the law firm of Welch, Martin, & Albano.

The mural is a historic collage of Independence, Missouri. The background for the individual subjects on the mural is a U.S.

Flag. From left to right the

subjects are a rider mounted on a horse, Harry S Truman holding up and pointing to a newspaper article with the head line, "Dewey Defeats Truman", The top half of a wagon wheel, an American Bald Eagle flying above a set of scales, and on top from center to the right edge are the names, "Welch, Martin & Albano.

Clinton's Soda Fountain

Clinton's Soda Fountain has been in business since 1988, but the building on Independence Square dates back to the 1800s. Decades ago, young Harry Truman worked at a pharmacy and soda fountain at this very location on Independence Square. People from every state in the United States. have come to visit Clinton's

Soda Fountain,



Clinton's Soda Fountain



Businesses use street art or mural as advertisements. How you could pass by this soda fountain and NOT get some ice cream!

Electrical Boxes

Cities around the world are commissioning (which means paying artists) to come paint electrical boxes. You know those ugly green boxes that buzz if you walk by them? Independence is not different. As you drive around with your parents start to notice these painted boxes. Here are a few local ones:







Electrical boxes in other cities





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Downtown Kansas City's Murals





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I encourage you the next time you are downtown to look at the exterior walls of buildings. There are thousands of murals in Kansas City. We are so lucky to have such wonderful artists here in KC!



Please email me if you have any questions. shannon_bown@isdschools.org