



Visual Art Virtual Learning

Art 1 - Street Art

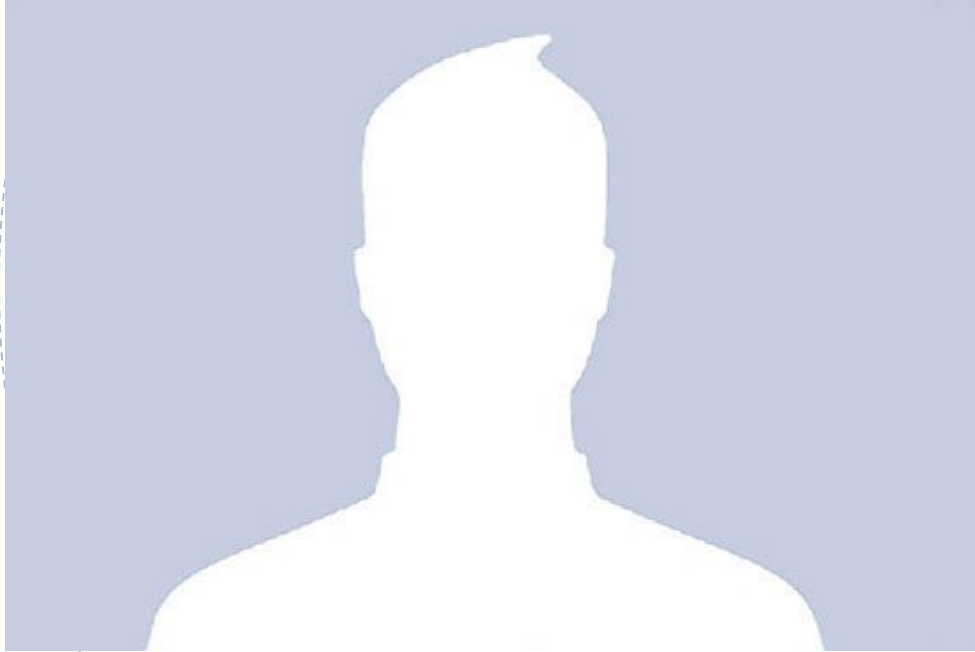
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Objective/Learning Target: We will be learning about street artists.

Banksy



Who is Banksy? Is that his real name? Where is he from? No one knows the true identity of Banksy, but himself. The master of street art wishes to remain unknown, leaving it up to people to guess his identity. With all the years that he's been active, people only have speculated about the artist that leaves behind amazing creations on the streets, walls, and bridges.

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Here is a small sample of Banksy's work. You may or may not be familiar with it.



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Banksy began his graffiti art lifestyle by admiring the works of Blek Le Rat and often recycling his old ideas. He has been very active in the graffiti scene since the early 1990s. Initially, he hung around a graffiti crew in Bristol by the name of DryBreadZ crew or DBZ. Soon after, he began to partner with Inkie, another notable graffiti street artist.

By the age of 18, Banksy began to develop stencils after nearly being caught vandalizing public spaces by police. As his crew fled from the scene, Banksy was stuck hiding beneath a garbage truck. It was at this time that Banksy saw stencil letters on the truck. Looking for a faster way to paint, Banksy decided stenciling would be his new graffiti type.





Watch this video on
his most famous
pieces. Not all of his
works are murals on
walls.

Banksy's most famous stunt.

In October 2018, a painting by the anonymous street artist sold at Sotheby's auction house in London for £1.04 million. Shortly after the hammer came down on the item, a beeping alarm went off and the canvas began to pass through a shredder installed in the frame, shredding half of it. "It appears we just got Banksy-ed," reported Alex Branczik, Sotheby's senior director and head of Contemporary Art in Europe.

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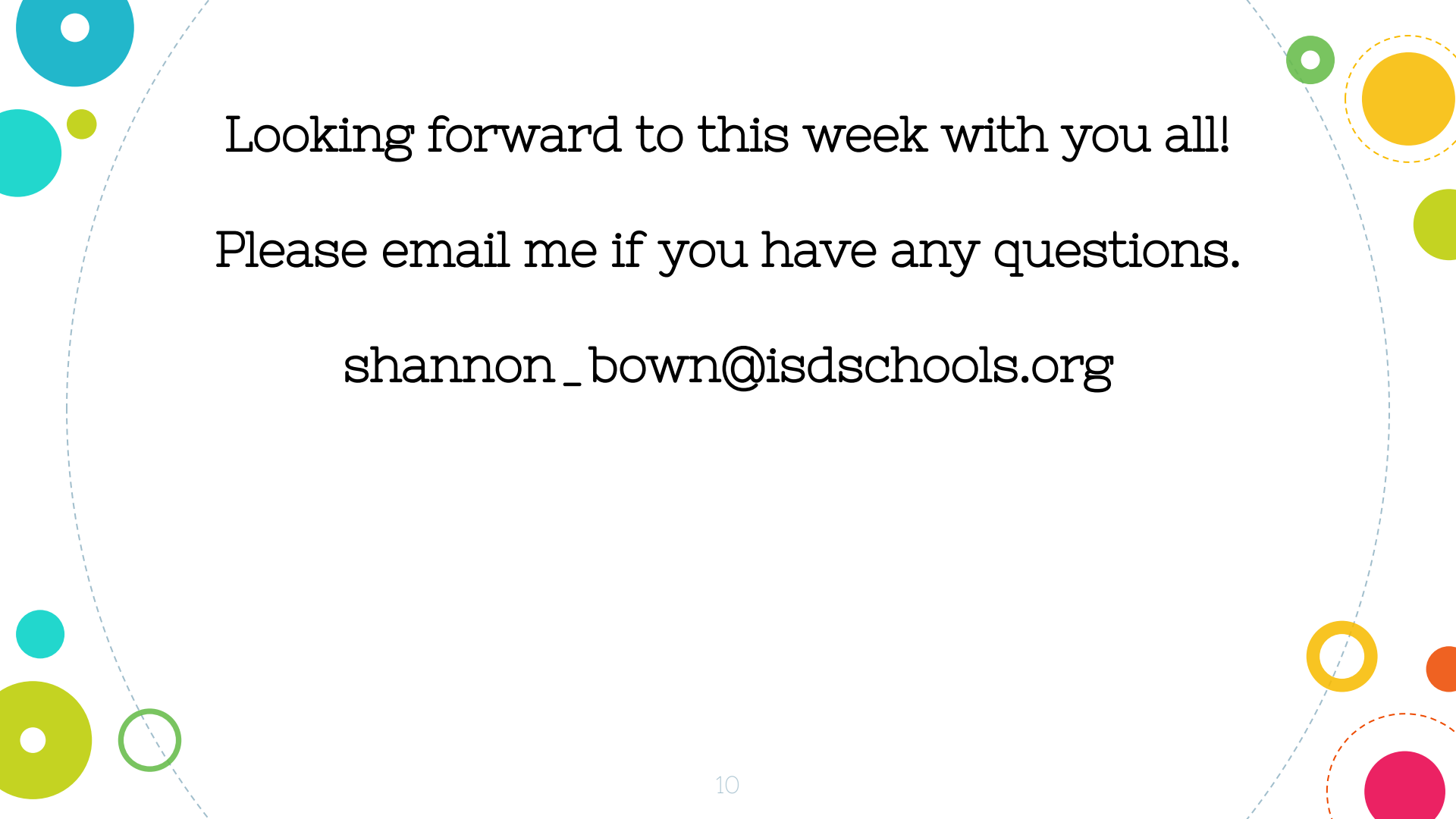


The piece was a famous Banksy print known as *Girl with Balloon* created back in 2006. Banksy's balloon girl, which was voted UK's best-loved work of art in 2017, became the first instance of a self-destructing painting. The Banksy posted a video to his Instagram account to confirm the move was intentional and showed how he built a shredding device into the large golden frame. The new work was then given a new title *Love is in the Bin*.

Go to this website to create your own street art.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/street-art>



A decorative graphic consisting of a large, light blue dashed circle that frames the text. Various colored circles (solid and hollow) in shades of teal, yellow, green, and orange are scattered around the perimeter of the dashed circle.

Looking forward to this week with you all!
Please email me if you have any questions.

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