

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of the history and techniques of graffiti writing, and you will create your own graffiti piece.

Materials and Prep

Materials:

- Spray paint cans in various colors
- Cardboard or large paper for practice
- Protective gloves and mask

Prep:

- Find a suitable outdoor space for painting
- Research different styles of graffiti writing for inspiration

Activities

1. Begin by practicing basic graffiti lettering styles on cardboard or paper.
2. Experiment with different spray paint techniques such as fades, outlines, and fills.
3. Choose a word or phrase that is meaningful to you and create a graffiti piece using your practiced styles and techniques.

Talking Points

- History of Graffiti:

"Graffiti has a rich history dating back to ancient civilizations like the Romans and Greeks."

- Styles of Graffiti:

"There are various styles of graffiti such as tags, throw-ups, and pieces."

- Legal vs. Illegal:

"It's important to understand the difference between legal graffiti art and illegal vandalism."

- Expression through Art:

"Graffiti writing is a form of self-expression and can convey powerful messages."