



A. Conversation Questions

- 1 What's your initial reaction to the photo above? Explain in detail.
- 2 Would you consider graffiti an art or a crime? Discuss.
- 3 How do you think can graffiti become a social problem? Explain.
- 4 Can you think of any use/function of graffiti?
- 5 Do you think the government should punish graffiti "artists"? What should the punishment be?
- 6 Are there graffiti in your city? Where do you usually see them?
- 7 Do you think the government should just give a designated space/area for graffiti artists? Why or why not?

- 8 Do you think graffiti could make a city look more beautiful? Why or why not?
- 9 Do you think doing graffiti could lead to serious crimes? Why or why not?
- 10 If you were given the permission to paint/write/draw anything on a public space, what would you paint/write/draw? Why?

A. Comment on the following quotes

- 1 Graffiti is one of the few tools you have if you have almost nothing. And even if you don't come up with a picture to cure world poverty you can make someone smile while they're having a piss. •Banksy
- 2 Art is an evolutionary act. The shape of art and its role in society is constantly changing. At no point is art static. There are no rules. •Raymond Salvatore Harmon
- 3 Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. •Banksy
- 4 "Should graffiti be judged on the same level as modern art? Of course not: It's way more important than that." -Banksy
- 5 "Graffiti's always been a temporary art form. You make your mark and then they scrub it off." -Banksy
- 6 "Graffiti is not a petty crime. Most people do not realize how serious it is and the problems it brings to neighborhoods. My experience has shown me that there is a direct correlation between graffiti and serious crime. When we were able to significantly reduce graffiti in a community, we saw a considerable reduction in violent and gang crime as well." -Commander Michael Rothans
- 7 "Graffiti is beautiful; like a brick in the face of a cop." — Hunter S. Thompson
- 8 "Everyone has to scratch on walls somewhere or they go crazy" — Michael Ondaatje
- 9 "Art is an evolutionary act. The shape of art and its role in society is constantly changing. At no point is art static. There are no rules." — Raymond Salvatore Harmon
- 10 "People say graffiti is ugly, irresponsible and childish... but that's only if it's done properly." — Banksy