## **Banksy British Graffiti Artist**

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Banksy is a famous g<u>raffiti (1)</u> artist from Britain. He keeps his real name a <u>secret (2)</u>. He was born in Bristol, England, around 1974. <mark>Banksy's <u>art (3)</u> is often seen in public places.</mark> He started by <u>drawing (4)</u> graffiti by hand in 1993. Later, he used stencils to make his work faster. His art has pictures like rats and <u>policemen (5)</u>. Banksy's art is about <u>society (6)</u> and <u>politics (7)</u>.

He has done bold exhibitions, like "Turf War" in 2003, where he painted on live pigs. In 2005, "Crude Oils" showed <u>famous (8)</u> paintings with changes, plus live rats. His art has been in big <u>museums</u> (9) in New York City and London. He supports people who don't have a voice, like with his mural on the Palestinian side of the West Bank barrier. Banksy also made "Dismaland," a funny park, in 2015, and the "Walled Off Hotel" in Bethlehem in 2017. He is still a secret artist, and <u>he protects (10)</u> his work with trademarks.