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What does street art have to do with representing reality? That's what I want you to think about! We will be approaching the idea of street art through the theme of reality in our next project, so today and tomorrow you will be getting a preview of the things we will be talking about!

**This completed worksheet is due at the start of class on Thursday, January 22.**

**Before watching *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, please read the following information and answer the questions on the next page.**

*Exit Through the Gift Shop: A Banksy Film* is a film by street artist Banksy that tells the story of Thierry Guetta, a French immigrant in Los Angeles, and his obsession with street art. The film charts Guetta's constant documenting of his every waking moment on film, from a chance encounter with his cousin, the artist Invader, to his introduction to a host of street artists with a focus on Shepard Fairey and Banksy, whose anonymity is preserved by obscuring his face and altering his voice, to Guetta's eventual fame as a street artist himself. *Wikipedia*

**Graffiti** is writing or drawings that have been scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface, often in a public place. Graffiti ranges from simple written words to elaborate wall paintings, and it has existed since ancient times, with examples dating back to Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, and the Roman Empire. *Wikipedia*

**Street art** is visual art created in public locations, usually unsanctioned artwork executed outside of the context of traditional art venues. The term gained popularity during the graffiti art boom of the early 1980s and continues to be applied to subsequent incarnations. Stencil graffiti, wheatpasted poster art or sticker art, and street installation or sculpture are common forms of modern street art. Video projection, yarn bombing and Lock On sculpture became popularized at the turn of the 21st century. *Wikipedia*

**Before watching *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, please answer the following questions:**

1. What do you know about graffiti and/or street art? Do you like it? Why or why not?
2. Do you consider it art or vandalism? Why?
3. How do you think graffiti and street art reflect reality?
4. How does a documentary filmmaker reflect reality?

While watching *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, please answer the following questions:

Describe the artists featured in *Exit Through the Gift Shop* by filling in the chart below.

<b>Artist Name</b>	<b>The Artwork</b> Describe the artist's work How did they make it (materials and/or technique?) What imagery do they use?	<b>The Meaning</b> What is the meaning of their work? What are they trying to say? What does the artist do or say that is unique or important?	<b>The Artist's Voice</b> What does the artist do or say that is unique or important?	<b>The Artist and Reality</b> How does the artist reflect reality in their work?
Spaced Invader				
Shepard Fairey				
Swoon				

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Banksy				
Mister Brainwash (Thierry Guetta)				

**After watching *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, please answer the following questions:**

1. What is your opinion of graffiti and street art after watching *Exit Through the Gift Shop*? Has it changed? If so, how?
2. What artist represented in the film did you like best? Why?
3. Do you think street art is “real” art? Why or why not?
4. Do you think that *Exit Through the Gift Shop* depicts an accurate reality of the street art world? Why or why not?
5. How did you see the street artists represented in *Exit Through the Gift Shop* reflect reality in their artwork? Talk specifically about specific artists and their artwork.