**DEBATING ON STREET ART & GRAFFITI**

**DEBATE:** Is graffiti a vibrant urban art form or senseless vandalism?

*YOUR MISSION: Read these posts to hear from both sides of the debate.*

*HIGHLIGHT the positive elements in yellow*

*HIGHLIGHT the negative elements in pink*

**OPINIONS**

**26 February, 2018 Chinglie**

From my point of view, graffiti is a two-edged sword. I think it is all based on how people create it. Some do it for fulfilling their thirst in exposing their passion in art, but some just do it to be what ‘bad boy’ is like. Surely, different motives mean diversity in art. But then, some people just like to destroy and stain the town’s reputation. I support graffiti as a kind of art. But when the art turns into vandalism, maybe that’s the time graffiti needs to be stopped.

**27 September, 2018 Broccoli**

My opinion is that graffiti is actually a pretty old art, but comparing to the others, its new. And that sometimes its actually vandalism. Have u seen those useless graffiti like "SFEK"? Well, if u were at least 1 time outside and not staring at the computer for 5 hours, then, I think, you might say, that those are pretty common, huh? I mean, in graffiti, there is always a good and a bad part.

**9, October, 2017 Hello88**

I think that graffiti is an art form. It gives the opportunity to many people to express their feelings and thoughts by making wonderful drawings on walls. Also, it represents freedom and can make cities look more vibrant and attractive.  
However, graffiti can destroy many properties and in that case it becomes a serious crime. I believe that it can be considered as art only if “the taggers” are talented and given permission.

**24 September, 2017 Lif**

When I'm looking at a graffiti, I can only see art. These paints express all the feelings known by the human being: from euphoria to the dark side of the depression. Graffiti are a way to express your feelings, your thoughts and, in the same time, they are like a medicine for our visual sense. This is the way I feel when I am looking at a graffiti. I can see details, strong colors, but most importantly, I can see what this kind of paint hides behind it, it's meaningful. Graffiti is an art and we should respect that because, I think, graffiti is an art which really talks to us teens.

**1 September, 2015 Synteck**

I believe that graffiti is a great mainstream of new art. But obviously like the councillor of New York says ´ Your freedom of expression ends where my property begins ´. It's art for me.

**1 June, 2014 Niluh**

Nearly all walls, abandoned buildings, even trains are damaged by graffiti in my country, I don't think it is art because almost all graffiti is swear words, that's absolutely vandalism. It's quite difficult to find graffiti with clear messages or good drawing nowadays.

**NOW YOUR TURN:**

After having read the above opinions, who do you side with and why? What is your opinion on street art and graffiti?

**Write a short post in which you give your opinion**