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Graffiti (plural of graffito) are writing or drawings that have been **scribbled**, **scratched**, or painted illicitly on a wall or other surface, often within public view. Graffiti range from simple written words to elaborate wall paintings, and they have existed since **ancient** times, with examples dating back to Ancient



Egypt, Ancient Greece, and the Roman Empire.

In modern times, paint (particularly spray paint) and marker pens have become the most commonly used **graffiti** materials. In most countries, marking or paint-



ing property without the property owner's permission is considered defacement and vandalism, which is a punishable crime.

Graffiti may also express underlying social and political messages and a whole genre of artistic expression is based upon spray paint graffiti styles. Within hip hop culture, graffiti have evolved alongside hip



hop music, break dancing and other contemporaneous expressions of culture. Unrelated to hip-hop graffiti gangs use their own form of graffiti to mark territory or to serve as an indicator of gang-related activities.

Controversies that surround graffiti continue to create disagreement amongst city officials, law enforcement, and writers who wish to display and appreciate work in public locations. There are many different types and styles of graffiti; it is a rapidly developing art form whose value is highly contested and reviled by many authorities – while also subject to admiration and serious consideration by a growing number of people around the world.

