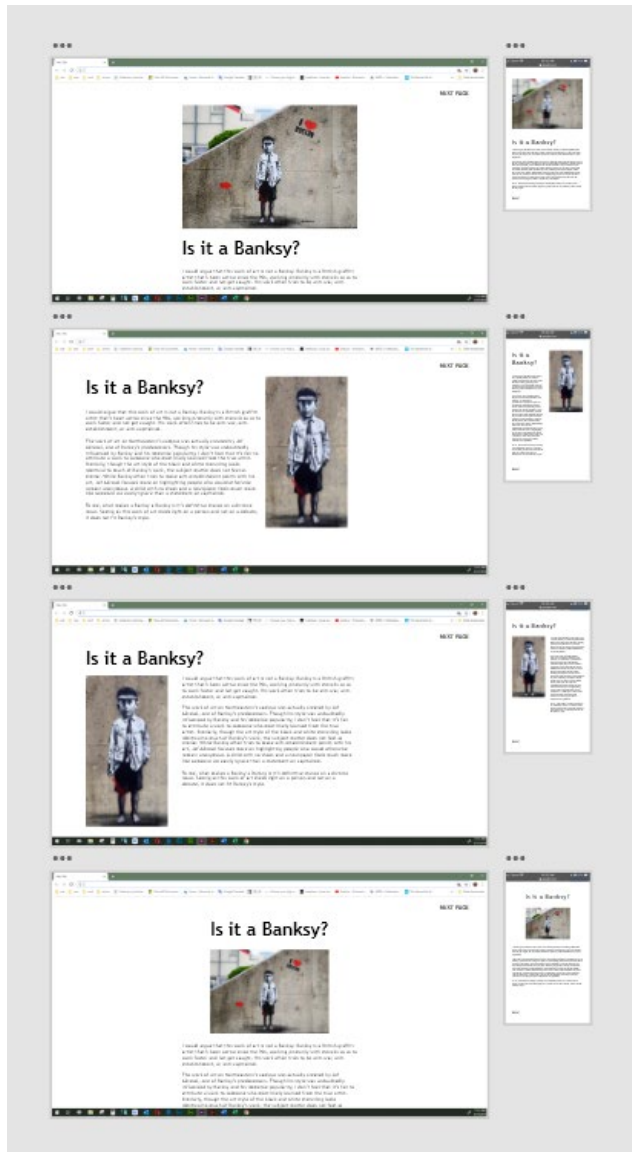


Assignment 6 Writeup

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XD Link

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The work of art on Northeastern's campus was actually created by Jef Aérosol, one of Banksy's predecessors. Though his style was undoubtedly influenced by Banksy and his immense popularity, I don't feel that it's fair to attribute a work to someone who most likely learned from the true artist. Similarly, though the art style of the black and white stenciling looks identical to much of Banksy's work, the subject matter does not feel as similar. While Banksy often tries to make anti-establishment points with his art, Jef Aérosol focuses more on highlighting people who would otherwise remain anonymous. A child with no shoes and a newspaper feels much more like someone we easily ignore than a statement on capitalism.

To me, what makes a Banksy a Banksy is it's definitive stance on a divisive issue. Seeing as this work of art sheds light on a person and not on a debate, it does not fit Banksy's style.

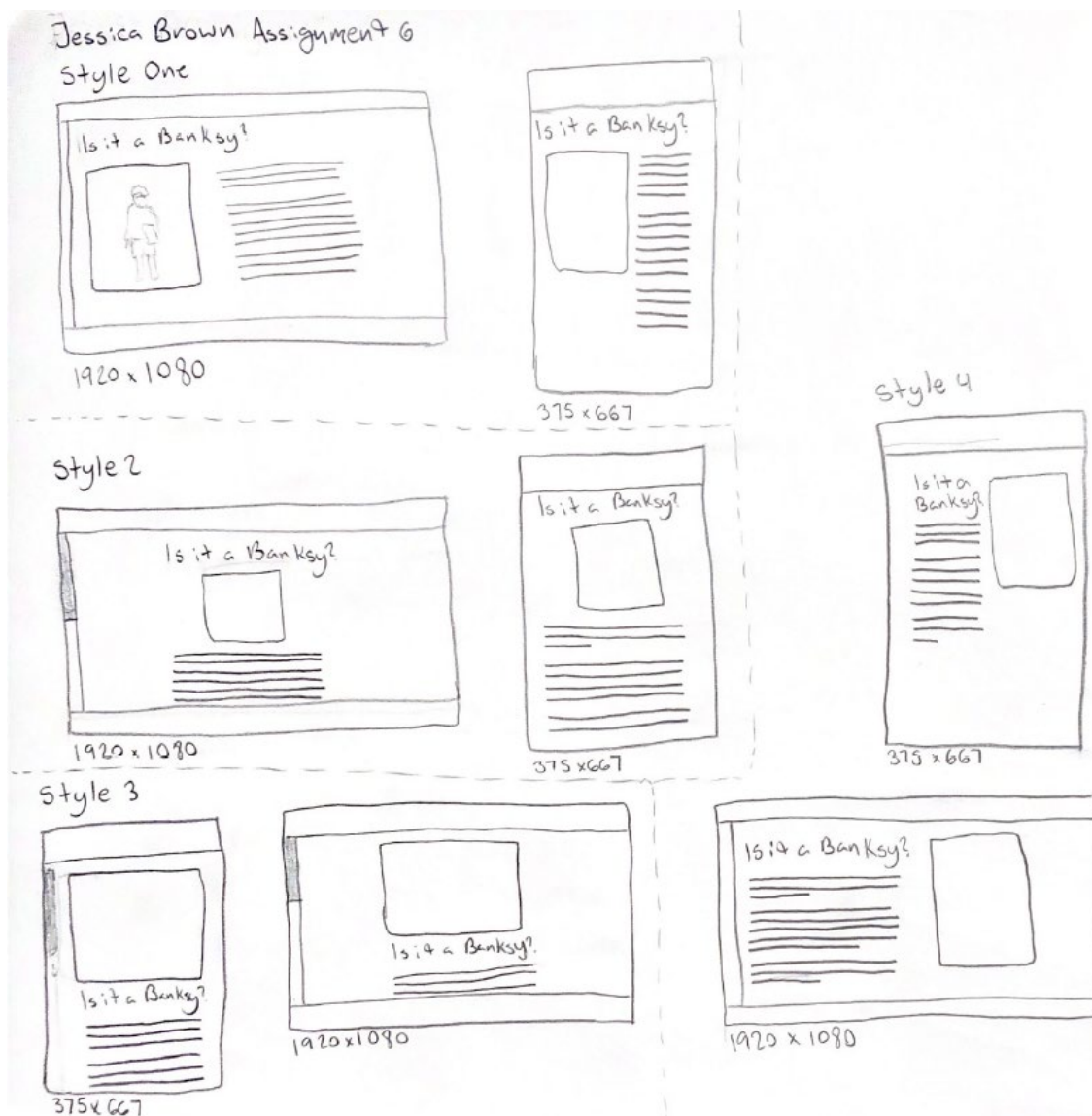
Basic Description

My Banksy webpage presents my opinions on Banksy as an artist, and whether or not I believe the Banksy-esque art found on Northeastern's campus can be considered a Banksy. The webpage features the headline, a vertical photo of the art in question, a text box containing my thoughts on the matter, and a map to where the artwork is on campus. In the desktop version, the text is beside the vertical photo and

the map is beneath the two elements. When the screen is sized down to its minimum size, the layout of the page changes. The vertical photo is replaced with a horizontal one and the text now falls below the image, with the map below the text.

Initial Sketches

My initial sketches are fairly similar to my final product, though my ideas changed some once I learned more about what media query could do. I was thinking small when I created my initial designs, but once I got in the program and saw how I could replace images and completely change layouts based on screen size, my concepts changed a bit.



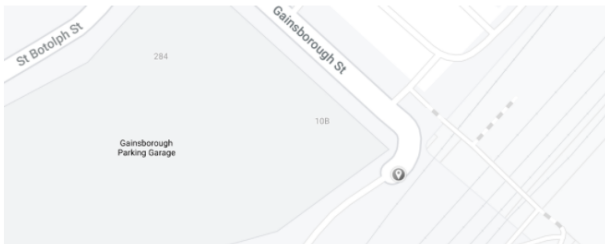
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