

● Angelica Da Silva's Profile



Age:

14 years old

Home country: City:

USA

Philadelphia

My favourite ...

music: hip hop

artists: Picasso; Jane Golden (from the Mural Arts Program)

things: art and music!

Reading

Read Angelica's profile. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Angelica lives in New York. F
- 2 Angelica likes hip hop.
- 3 Angelica's favourite things are films and art.

2.13 Read the article. Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Angelica do at the weekends?
She becomes an artist.
- 2 When was graffiti a big problem in Philadelphia?
- 3 What did the people of Philadelphia do about it?
- 4 What is a mural?
- 5 Who joined the Mural Arts Program?
- 6 When did Angelica join the program?
- 7 Who does Angelica help?

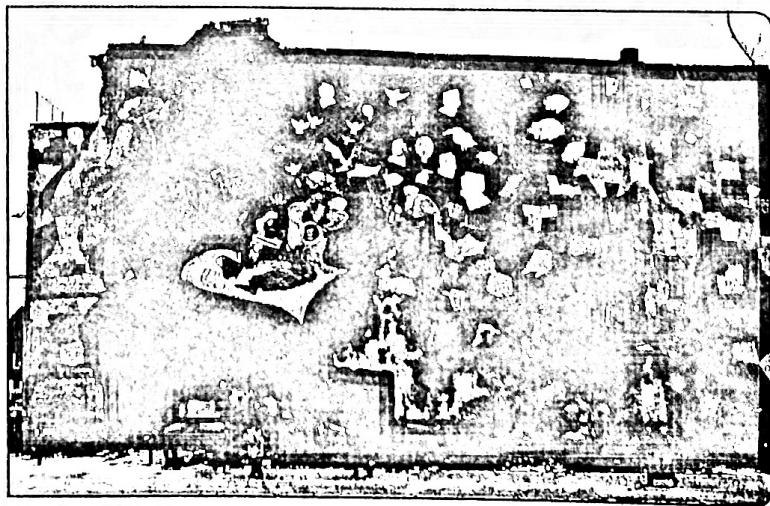
Angelica's Mural

Angelica Da Silva is 14 years old. She lives in Philadelphia, in the USA. From Monday to Friday Angelica goes to school, but every weekend she becomes an artist! She works with the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program.

Thirty years ago, horrible graffiti covered many buildings in Philadelphia. The people of the city weren't happy about this, but what could they do? In the end, they found an answer to the problem. They started the Mural Arts Program. Murals are beautiful, big paintings on the walls of buildings. Many teenagers from Philadelphia joined the Mural Arts Program. These young people often had problems at home and school. The Mural Arts Program helped these teenagers. Through the program, they learned about art and became artists.

Angelica joined the Mural Arts Program in 2011. Now she paints beautiful pictures on the walls of many city buildings. First she chooses a wall. Then she asks the owner's permission to paint it. Next she designs a mural with the help of the teachers in the program. Finally, she paints the wall with her friends. It's really exciting!

Angelica paints every weekend. She also teaches young children to paint. The Mural Arts Program helped her a lot, and now she's helping other teenagers.



Class discussion

- 1 What big cities are there in your country?
- 2 Is graffiti a problem where you live?
- 3 Do you like the mural in the photo?
- 4 Would you like a mural in your school or street?