


POWER WASHER, BANKSY, 2008

Source : <https://www.theartstory.org/movement/street-art/artworks/>



Artwork Images 


2008 Power Washer

This mural was created in May 2008 on Leake Street, London, as part of the *Cans Festival*. It depicts a maintenance worker in an orange vest in the act of pressure washing art off of a wall. The art appears to be ancient cave paintings of warriors and animals (horses, deer, and or bison), much like the famous discovery in the caves at Lascaux, France.

With this work, Banksy is drawing a parallel between the ancient, prehistoric cave paintings, and modern-day graffiti / street art. While it is standard practice for the latter to be cleaned off of walls, it would be unthinkable for the same fate to befall the former. In this way, the artist questions the value placed on certain works of art, and the label of "vandalism" assigned to others.

Spray paint - London

Level 2

I - Have a look  at the pictures, title and source.

Underline the transparent words.

Try and guess what the text could be about ? Make hypotheses.

II- Pick these elements in the text : date - places - name - nouns (art / description) - verbs - adjectives. And sort them out:

Date - Places - Name

Nouns (descriptions)

Nouns (art)

Verbs

Adjectives

III- Try and recap the text (use the words in the table!):

Presentation :

« Power Washer » is

Description :

Comments :

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