## Persuasive Paragraph: Graffiti- Art or Vandalism?

Goal: to write an organized, supported, and error-free persuasive paragraph.
A persuasive paragraph tells your opinion about something and tries to get the reader to agree with you.


Complete the Persuasion Map (attached). This is a way to organize your thoughts in point form, which you can then use to write your paragraph. We have viewed several different types of texts with information that you can use to support your opinion:

- Online Article: "Graffiti- Art or Vandalism?"
- Song: "Graffiti the World" by Rehab
- Documentary: Banksy Does New York



## Write your persuasive paragraph.

Make sure you check off the criteria (below) as you complete your paragraph. This is your self-assessment, and shows me that you have read and followed the criteria (you get 2 marks for completing this!)

## Persuasive Paragraph Criteria

| Criteria | Not yet meeting expectations | Minimally meeting expectations | Meeting expectations | Fully meeting expectations |
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| Knowledge: |  |  |  |  |
| $\square \quad$ I clearly express my opinion I include enough evidence/details to support my opinion (3+) I use an introduction and conclusion to present and summarize the issue |  |  |  |  |
| Thinking: |  |  |  |  |
| My ideas are logical and organized My ideas are connected to my opinion My ideas are supported with details or reasons from other sources |  |  |  |  |
| Communication: |  |  |  |  |
| $\square$ My writing holds the reader's attention (it is interesting!) <br> $\square \quad$ I use correct conventions (grammar, etc.) My sentences are complete and varied I use formal voice and tone (no slang) |  |  |  |  |

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## Persuasive Paragraph

In your opinion, do you think graffiti is an art or an act of vandalism?

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