

EXPLORING SYMBOLS IN ART INSPIRED BY JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT

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JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT was interested in exploring different modes of human expression and communication. Basquiat often incorporated symbols in his paintings, referencing Henry Dreyfuss's Symbol Sourcebook, which includes universally recognized visual forms used to communicate a message.











OUT





LIVES HERE



CAMP HERE



CAMPSITE













DOG HERE



REWARE OF

FOUR DOGS

IF YOU ARE SICK, THEY'LL CARE FOR YOU



CHARGE

FREE TELEPHONE



KEEP QUIET



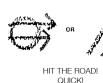
BARKING

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THE LIMIT











ACTIVITY

Explore how Basquiat uses symbols in the painting *Untited* (1986), pictured above. Use the symbols from Henry Dreyfuss's Symbol Sourcebook or create your own symbols to make a drawing or painting that communicates a specific message to the viewer. Follow the guidelines below to get started!

WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR ARTWORK TO COMMUNICATE?

DRAW THE SYMBOLS THAT YOU COULD USE TO COMMUNICATE YOUR MESSAGE (OR CREATE YOUR OWN!):