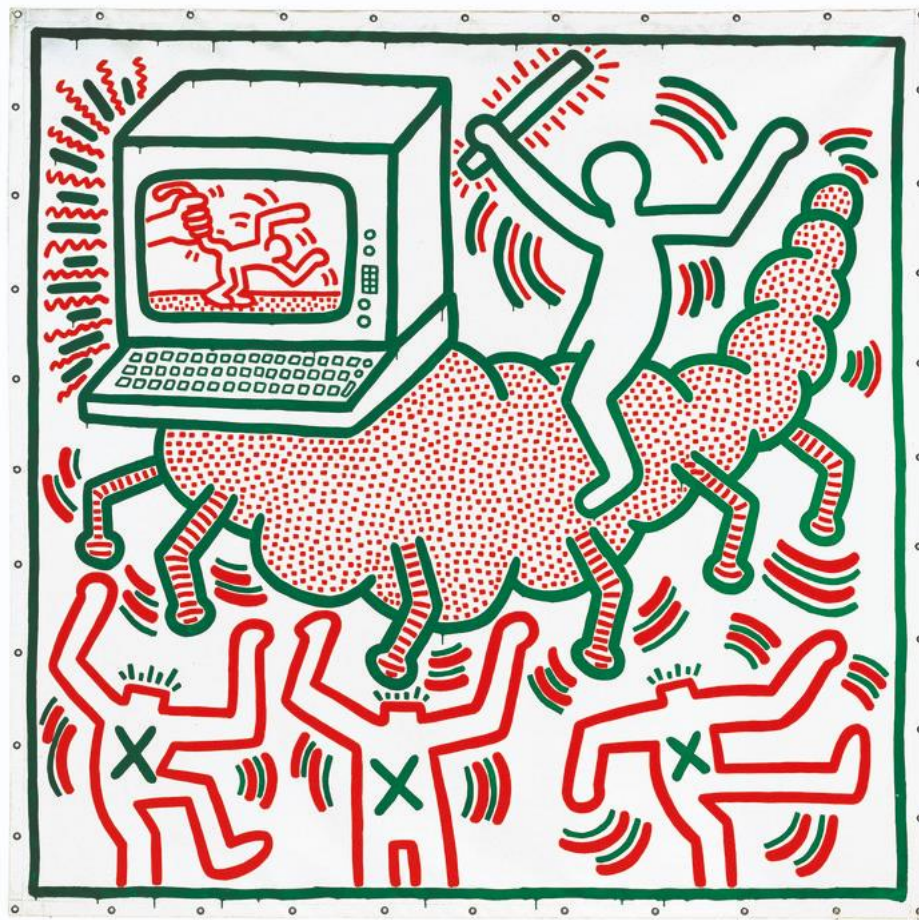


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## Grade 3 & 4: Responding to Art

# Keith Haring and “Street Art”



Keith Haring, 1958–1990, *Untitled 1983*, Vinyl paint on tarpaulin, 3068 x 3020 mm, Collection of KAWS

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## WHO IS KEITH HARING?

Step into Keith Haring's world of doodles and be inspired by his awesome artwork!



Keith Haring, *Boys Club, NYC*, August 17, 1987 © Keith Haring Foundation.

Keith Haring was born in 1958, in Pennsylvania, USA. He loved drawing cartoons and visiting museums. Here he is travelling on the subway.



Tseng Kwong Chi *Keith Haring in subway car, (New York)*, circa 1983. Photo © Muna Tseng Dance Projects, Inc. Art © Keith Haring Foundation

Keith Haring is known for colourful, cartoon artworks and certain characters such as crawling babies, barking dogs and spaceships.

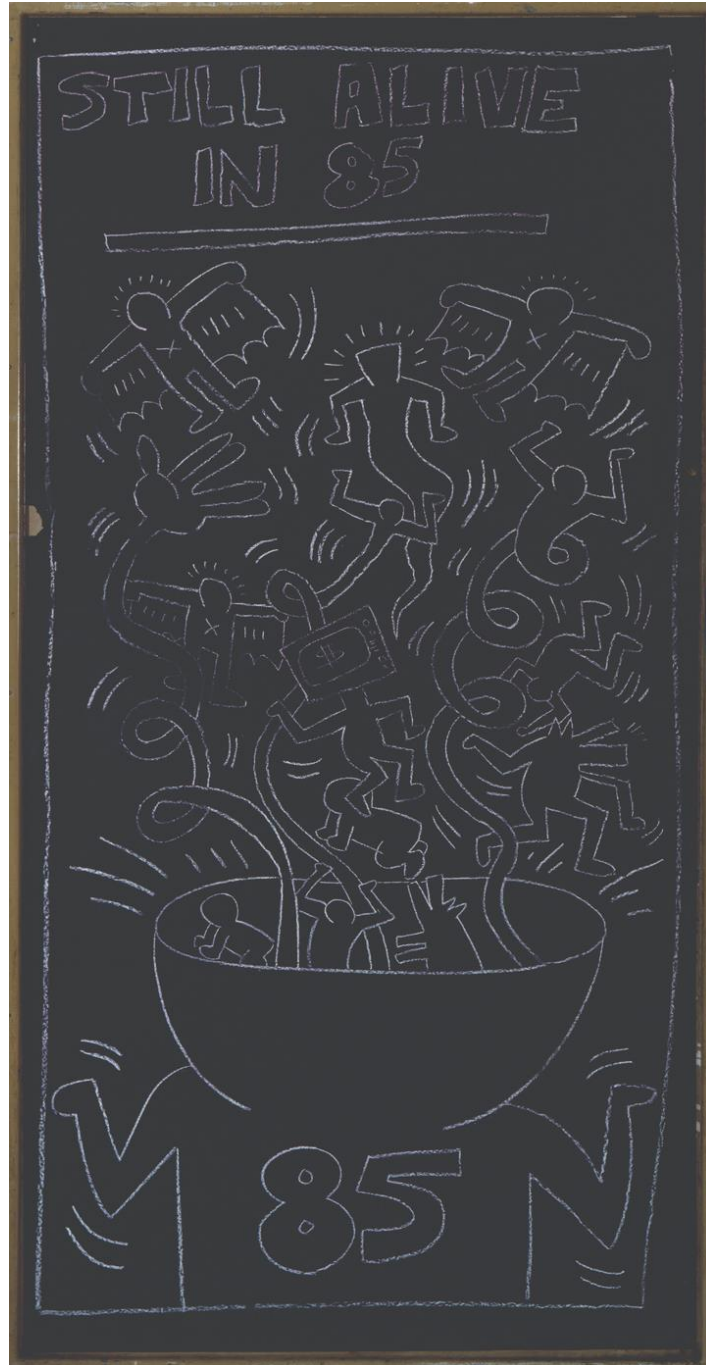


Keith Haring, 1958-1990, *Untitled 1980*, Ink on Bristol board, 510 x 660 mm, Collection of the Keith Haring Foundation

When he was 20 years old he moved to New York City. Keith Haring had relationships with men and was a part of the LGBTQ+ community in New York.

In the 1980s, New York was very exciting place and there were many artists working in the same neighborhood as Haring, such as Andy Warhol and Jean Michel Basquiat.

Keith Haring was inspired by graffiti artists. He drew hundreds of drawings on New York's subway. He used chalk to make his art, like the image below.



Keith Haring, 1958-1990, *Untitled 1985*, Chalk on paper, BvB Collection, Geneva

People walked past his art every day. Imagine walking past artworks on your way to school every day!

He got in trouble sometimes for drawing on the subway, but many people loved his art. He carried on drawing because he wanted everyone to experience art.

Keith Haring started becoming famous and had exhibitions in galleries. When the paintings were sold, he often gave the money to children's charities.

Haring, painted art with and for kids. He made murals in lots of children's hospitals and schools. He even painted a massive artwork of the Statue of Liberty with over 1000 kids!

He often listened to hip-hop music. Break-dancers used his pavement drawings as a surface for their performances. Do you think these figures are dancing to hip hop?



Keith Haring, 1958–1990, *Untitled 1983*, Woodcut, 610 x 762 mm, Collection of the Keith Haring Foundation

Keith Haring's art became very expensive to buy. However, he wanted everyone to be able to buy his work. He opened a new shop called the Pop Shop to sell his art on badges, posters, games and T-Shirts.

In 1988, Haring became very sick with a disease called AIDS. Haring kept on drawing and he even made posters to tell people about the sickness. Before he died, Haring set up The Keith Haring Foundation to fund AIDS research and to help kids who are in need.

Keith Haring wanted everyone to make art. Have you ever drawn on the pavement with chalk? Have you tried drawing your own dancing characters? Have a go!

# Roll a Haring Game

The next two pages of this packet are for “Roll a Haring” so you can create fun figures like Keith Haring did in the Subways of New York!

You will need a 6-sided dice, or use Google to roll a digital dice (type “roll a 6-sided dice” into Google and it will roll for you).

Using the results of your rolls, draw a Haring-Inspired picture on the blank page of the packet.

Remember, always **draw light until you know it's right**. Sketch very lightly first, then go back over your sketch with darker lines you want to keep.

# ROLL A HAKING

	Head	Arms	Legs	Symbol	Lines to add	Special items
•					Fill shades	dog
••						OVNI
•••					around the head	staff
••••						hole in torso
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## Tate Modern: Meet a Street Artist

Watch the video at the following URL at Tate Modern, read over the page the video is on, and then answer the questions below.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/kids-view/meet-street-artist>

1. What is Street Art? Is it the same as Graffiti?
2. Do you think it is important for the world around us to have art on it? Why or why not?
3. Make some art to share with the world on Tate Modern's "Street Art" game on your computer: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/street-art>