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Keith Haring

Graffiti Artist and Activist

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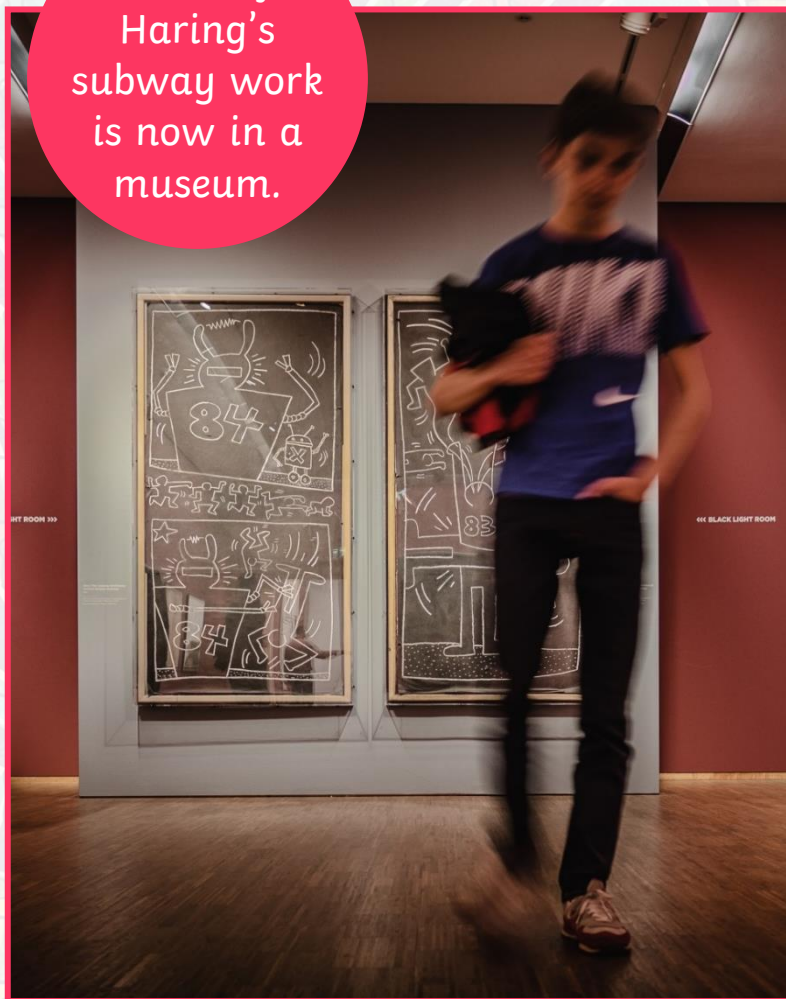
Keith Haring was a American pop and graffiti artist who was born in 1958 in Pennsylvania and died in 1990. He is famous for his cartoon style of drawing that was influenced by Dr Seuss and Walt Disney.

Haring liked to create public art that everyone could enjoy so he created street art and graffiti on walls and subways.

He liked people to be involved with his art work so he did lots of community projects where people could join him in creating large murals on buildings like churches, hospitals and orphanages.

New York

Some of Haring's subway work is now in a museum.



In 1978, Haring moved to New York.

Haring was blown away by the graffiti art he saw there so he started to make his own, signed, graffiti art.

Graffiti can, of course, be vandalism when permission has not been granted and he was arrested a number of times for it.

Keith Haring's Art

Keith Haring's style of art is well known for bold, bright colours with thick outlines and a cartoon-like style.



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Can you find
this bit in the
mural?



The Rest of the World

In the 1980s, Haring was becoming famous further afield and he travelled to other countries painting murals.



Melbourne, Australia



Paris, France

He painted murals in Australia, Rio De Janeiro, Paris and on the Berlin Wall in Germany.

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'We Are The Youth' Mural in Philadelphia, America
By Keith Haring, 1987

Pop Shop

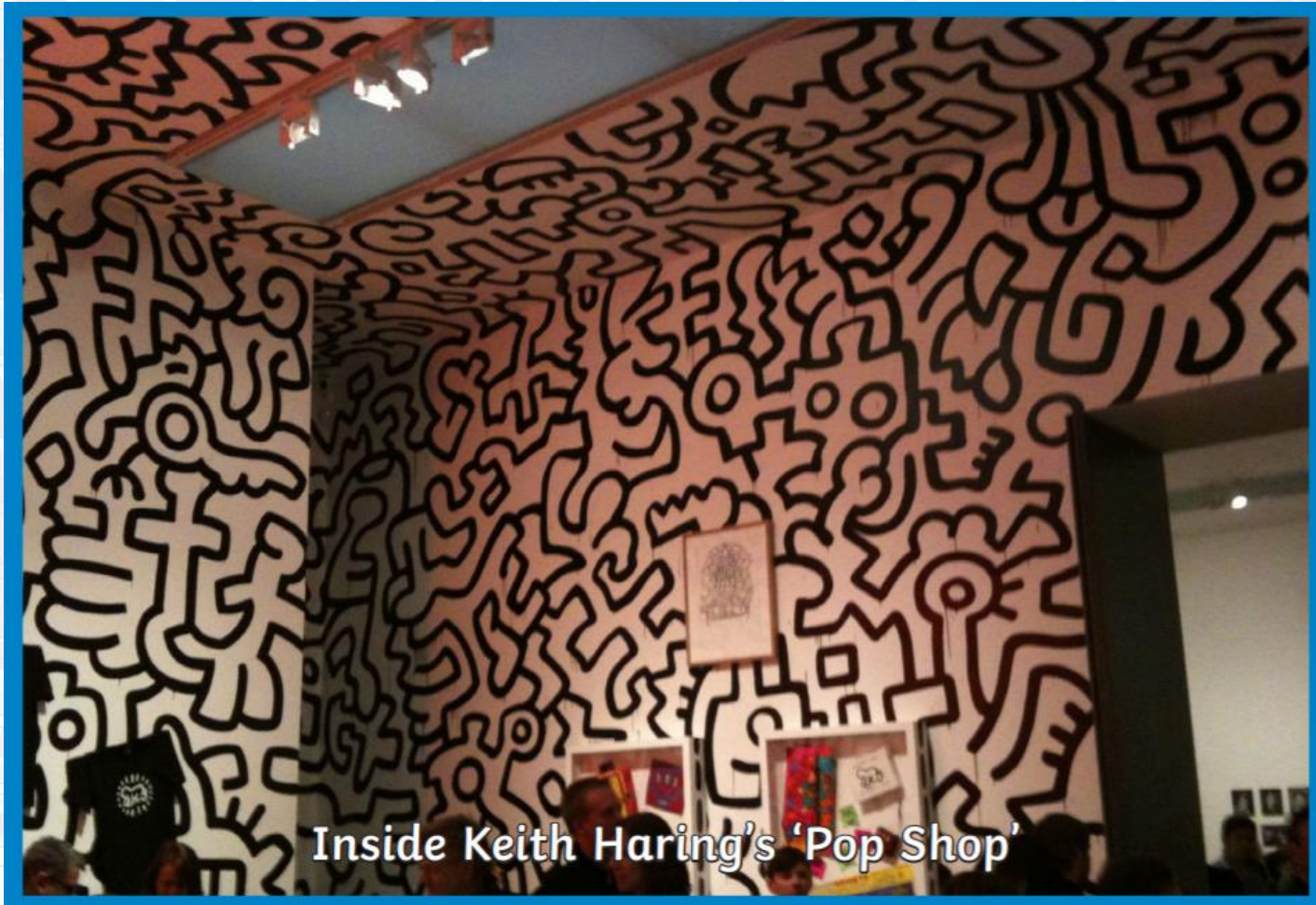
In 1986, Haring opened his own art shops in New York City and Tokyo selling his graffiti artwork and also some Pop Art pieces. And yes... he covered the inside of the shop in murals too!

The original shops are now closed but you can still buy merchandise online from the Keith Haring foundation.



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Inside Keith Haring's 'Pop Shop'

Sculpture

Keith Haring made sculptures too and they can be found all over the world.



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Activism

During his lifetime, Keith Haring did a lot of charity work.

In 1989, he set up the Keith Haring foundation so that after his death, this important work could continue which it still does today.



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Have a Go

Create your own art work in the style of Keith Haring.

Try to use bold colours, cartoon people shapes, black outlines and some movement lines.

You may even want to do it in a graffiti style with some chinks outside.

