



CELEBRATING BLACK LIVES:

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT ARTIST AND ACTIVIST

Jean-Michel Basquiat was a visual artist who changed the way we see. His unique style brought together subway-wall graffiti and world renowned art galleries.



**Jean-Michel Basquiat amazed the art world with his bold artwork.
The New York City streets were his canvas!**

BRILLIANT YOUNG ARTIST

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Jean-Michel Basquiat was the son of Puerto Rican and Haitian immigrants and was fluent in English, French, and Spanish. His parents encouraged his creativity, and Basquiat started painting as a young kid in the 1970s.

FEARLESS CREATOR

He had no formal training, but the way he used color, words, and bold black lines was like nothing art collectors had ever seen before. Basquiat's work channeled emotion, improvisation, and free association, often in the form of a self-portrait.

Today (and every day!) join us as we celebrate the life of Jean-Michel Basquiat, known for his fearless style, originality, and brilliance.



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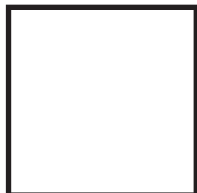
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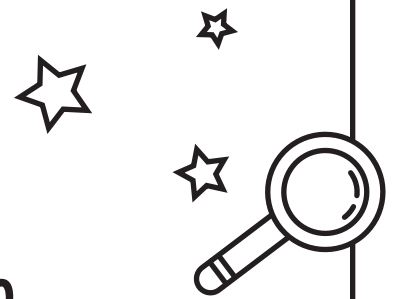
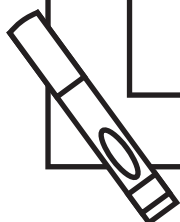
Basquiat was inspired by cartoons and children's drawings, and he often used simple forms to make powerful statements about society, racism, and politics. His paintings were a mix of words, color, and symbols he would repeat in many of his works.

The crown was one of Basquiat's favorite symbols. It's thought to have many meanings, like authority, power, ambition, and having respect for oneself as an artist.

LEARN MORE:



If you make art, then guess what? You're an artist! Basquiat loved kids' artwork, so show your own creative efforts with a crown fit for artistic royalty. Craft one for yourself by heading to [CAMP.com](https://www.camp.com) for full instructions!



SAMO

The name he used to sign many of his early works.

RADIANTCHILD

Basquiat was called "the Radiant Child" by art critics.

CROWN

Crowns can be found in many of Basquiat's pieces.

GRAFFITI

His work has its roots in graffiti street art and culture.

NEOEXPRESSIONISM

Basquiat's style is called neo-expressionism.

PEZDISPENSER

One his most famous paintings, depicting a black T-rex wearing a crown.

HORNS

Basquiat loved jazz music and used the image of a horn player in many pieces.

BOXER

A symbol found in many of his works, thought to portray strength and determination.