

Our class outing to the Hamburg history museum 05/02/2023

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On February 3rd, 2023, we visited the exhibition “Eine Stadt wird bunt“ together as a class. We visited to learn more about the history of graffiti and dance, but also what the style of youngsters who loved to spray paint and dance was like back then.



A lot was said about the origins in the exhibition, but old letters from the 1980s were also kept and showed there.

The exhibition also includes a room that shows the style of a young person who likes to dance and spray graffiti. The first graffiti appeared in the early 1980s. The writers are inspired by films and learn the tricks themselves. Most spray subculture-related words like “Hip-Hop” or “Breakdown”.



Clothing also plays an important role in spraying and dancing. Writers like wearing dark, unobtrusive clothing, preferably black hoodies and baseball caps. It can be said that they dressed according to their art.

Year by year the graffiti front became more modern and more famous. But not only that, Hip-Hop was one of the hottest dances. Through bomber jackets and caps teenagers found a new way to move, they combined dancing with graffiti. Many trains, walls and bridges were painted, it is truly the art of the decades.

We can recommend visiting “Eine Stadt wird bunt” because it’s very interesting there. You can learn a lot about creating graffiti and you also get a lot of little insights into the past, such as a room designed in American style and also songs that were listened to by young people who liked dancing and spraying graffiti.

