

# SCRAWLIN'

J.J. Johnston is determined to become the worlds greatest graffiti artist. He decides that his best course of action is to learn from existing legends in the field.

J.J. reads somewhere that graffiti artist Banksy got super-famous by shredding his own painting at an art auction. J.J. decides that having his art destroyed might be a good publicity stunt. He paints a bunch of graffiti art all over a building that is about to be destroyed. Unfortunately for J.J., the building owners like the art and decide to keep a bunch of it by reusing several of the existing walls. Of the 63 tags J.J. put up, only 17 are destroyed with the building. How many were left to become part of the new building?

In 2014, the French mosaic artist Invader put up a life-sized mosaic of the cartoon dog Hong Kong Foey during his "invasion" of Hong Kong. The Highways Department tore the mosaic down, along with many other artworks, angering local residents. Invader got the last laugh though. He created a replica for a local collector, which was sold later at auction for \$250,000! J.J. decides to make his own replica, which he then sells at a local art fair for \$250. How much more did Invader's version sell for?

While doing internet research, J.J. discovers that graffiti artist David Choe is worth an estimated 200 million dollars! It seems that David was hired by Facebook in 2005 to paint a mural in their new offices. Instead of taking money for the job, David asked to be paid in stock. When Facebook went public, that stock became worth an enormous amount of money. J.J. works out a similar deal with several local businesses. Instead of taking money, he gets \$500 in free hamburgers, \$357 in free haircuts, and \$225 in free oil changes. What was the total value of goods and services that J.J. got for his work?

The money thing doesn't seem to be working out. J.J. decides to ditch the get rich quick schemes and just concentrate on being totally awesome like legendary artist Blek le Rat. It works out pretty well! In one year, he gets several commissions to paint big murals for \$20,000, \$16,500, and \$43,250. He also makes \$32,105 from selling artwork through his web site. How much did J.J. earn?

