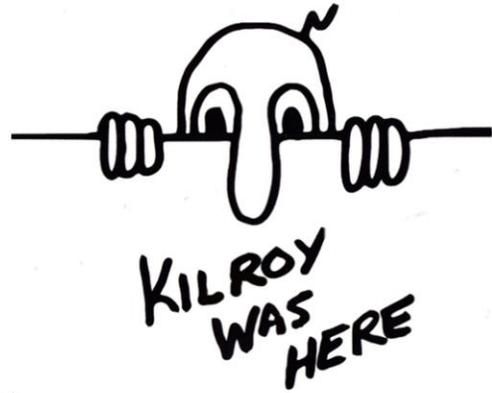


Graffiti

For ages sailors have left visible signs of where they'd been. Graffiti can tell stories about who has been somewhere and what they were thinking or doing. But, graffiti can also be a mess for those who have to clean it up, so please be respectful and only "graffiti" if you have permission and a special space in which to draw.

Materials

- Large piece of paper
- Markers
- Crayons
- Chalk
- Colored pencils



Process

1. Doodle away on the assigned graffiti space.
2. Does your doodle say anything about who you are? Does it have your name on it? Can you tell anything about the mood of the person who drew it just by looking?
3. Remember, graffiti can be a mess for those who have to clean it up, so please be respectful and only "graffiti" in the set aside area.

So What's Happening?

Since World War II, "Kilroy Was Here" graffiti is some of the most common and recognizable graffiti in the world. One story about where Kilroy graffiti may have started is that during WWII, a Massachusetts shipyard inspector named J.J. Kilroy would doodle "Kilroy Was Here" inside the ships he inspected. These ships then carried soldiers and sailors around the world. These soldiers and sailors would then doodle the cute little character in the places they went. Soon the Kilroy doodle was common and recognizable around the world! Keep your eyes open, you just might see Kilroy in some unusual places!

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