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Artists as Activists

An artist-activist is defined as “artists who use their creative work to advocate for social and political change.” Countless artist-activists have existed in our society and the practice is sure to continue in the future! Research the significant artist-activists below and answer the questions about their contributions.

Artist	What medium did they use? (i.e music, dance, paint, poetry)	How does the artist incorporate activism into their craft?
Jerome Jennings		
Banksy		
Frida Kahlo		
Keith Haring		
Joan Baez		
Maya Angelou		
Joya Powell		
Ossie Davis		
Bob Dylan		

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Fusion of Speech & Song

Jerome Jennings' song "Conversation with Senator Flowers" fuses Senator Flowers' speech during a Judiciary Committee hearing with Jennings' original musical composition. Other artists have also fused famous speeches with their compositions in an effort to promote activism. Research the list of songs below and respond to the question in the last column.

Song	What artistic choices does the musician make to support the message of the speech?"
"Conversation with Senator Flowers" by Jerome Jennings feat. Senator Stephanie Flowers	
"A Dream" by Common & Will.i.am feat. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	
"JFK + Defector" by Muse feat. John F. Kennedy	
"Flawless" (clean version) by Beyoncé feat. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	
"The 1975" by The 1975 feat. Greta Thunberg	