

Jean-Michel Basquiat, written by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara – Little People Big Dreams series

Jean-Michel was a talented boy from Brooklyn whose mother was Puerto Rican and father was Haitian. He was only four when he started drawing, eager to show the world what a great artist he could be.

One day, when he was seven, Jean-Michel was hit by a car while playing in the street. He had to rest in bed for weeks. To help pass the time, his mother gave him the most useful present he could have received: an anatomy book.



Retrieval:

- How old was Jean- Michel when he started to draw?
- What happened to Jean-Michelle when he was playing in the street?

Vocabulary:

- Jean-Michel found the anatomy book simply **fascinating**.

Skulls, teeth, guts, skins, skeletons...the book was simply fascinating! Going through its pages, Jean-Michel realized how powerful and fragile the human body is.

Find 3 other synonyms that have a similar meaning to fascinating.

- What does ' **in the blink of an eye**' mean?

was the beginning of the graffiti era, and Jean-Michel was at the center of it. In the blink of an eye, he went from selling T-shirts and homemade postcards to becoming a world-famous artist.

Inference:

- Why do you think that Jean-Michel decided to draw waiters, cooks and prisoners instead of Kings and Queens, like other artists at the time?
- Graffiti is wrong**. Agree or disagree?



fascinating



**To find something or
someone extremely
interesting.**