

ART: An artist's voice

On December 8, 2022, at Robert Weinum High School Mme. Lanoe's junior English class requested artist Jimmy Lucero to present himself and his work as part of the pupil's chapter: "Art and Power" where they studied several artists such as Banksy, an anonymous graffiti artist, or Teresa Fernández.



Jimmy is an American artist, born and raised in Santa Monica, California. He studied Fine Arts in Salt Lake City before moving to Sint Maarten in 2012. One of Jimmy Lucero's sources of inspiration is the plight of illegal immigrants and the American border. Mr. Moizan's Spé Arts Plastiques seniors and Mme. Lauga's AMC (Anglais Monde Contemporain) pupils were also invited to welcome the artist.

"What would Lincoln Say?" (or Qué Lincoln Diria?) is one of Jimmy Lucero's political art pieces. The painting depicts the Mexican border as a \$5 bill being climbed over by Mexican migrants. In my opinion, this artwork is very thought-provoking.

Jimmy Lucero was so friendly and answered all of our questions! Seeing his art was very eye-opening. Learning more about the division that the



Mexican border represents between the countries and their people was fascinating. It shows how grateful we should be that we can freely circulate between the French and Dutch sides of our island.

Here's some more of his artwork;





Thank you, Mme.Lanoe and Mr.Jimmy Lucero for giving us this opportunity!