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## Damien Hirst: Unveiling the World of Contemporary Sculpture

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary based on individual reflections. Students should describe their thoughts, emotions, and interpretations of "For the Love of God." They should also discuss the symbolism of the artwork and its message about wealth and mortality.
2. Damien Hirst's use of unconventional materials adds depth to his sculptures by juxtaposing the ordinary with the extraordinary. For example, using formaldehyde preserves the fragile and ephemeral, while using diamonds in "For the Love of God" transforms a human skull into a symbol of opulence and mortality.
3. Controversy in contemporary art can challenge societal norms by pushing boundaries, sparking discussions, and questioning established conventions. For example, Hirst's use of preserved animals in art provokes conversations about ethics, the treatment of animals, and the definition of art.
4. Damien Hirst's legacy in contemporary art is marked by his ability to inspire other artists to explore profound themes and push the boundaries of creativity. His willingness to challenge conventions has encouraged a new generation of artists to think critically and creatively about their work.

