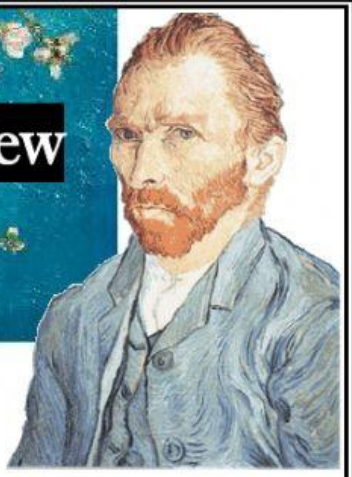
Vincent van Gogh: Overview



The Post-Impressionists continued to use bright colors, a compact application of paint, distinctive brushstrokes and real-life themes, but tried to bring more emotion and expression to their painting.

This workshop is about one of the leading exponents of Post-Impressionism, Vincent van Gogh. Share your result and challenge your friends.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VINCENT VAN GOGH?

1. Read the paragraph carefully and answer the following questions.

Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), perhaps the most famous artist in the world, is perceived by many as the 'mad' artist, the man who painted in a frenzy or simply the tormented soul who cuts off his ear. His artistic genius is often overshadowed by those who see his paintings as mere visual manifestations of his troubled mind. Whilst in part this may be true, in reality his innovative and unique artistic style was of enormous importance to a host of artists who followed in his wake. Even when openly influenced by his predecessors or contemporaries his art remained identifiably his own, developing a distinctive style that failed to be accepted by the art-buying public in his own time.

1. When was Vincent van Gogh born?

- a. He was born on March 31, 1857 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- b. He was born on March 30, 1853 at Groot-Zundert in Holland.
- c. Born March 30, 1890 in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2. How is Vincent van Gogh perceived by the majority of the population?

- a. A genius
- b. A Millionaire
- c. A madman

3.In the time of this great painter, he was recognized as a great contemporary artist?

- a. He was not recognized at all in the high society of artists because none of his works were sold.
- b. He was recognized for his merits but they were not important in society.
- c. His merits were not recognized in his time.

2. Match the name of the painting with the correct picture.

A. Blossoming Almond Tree

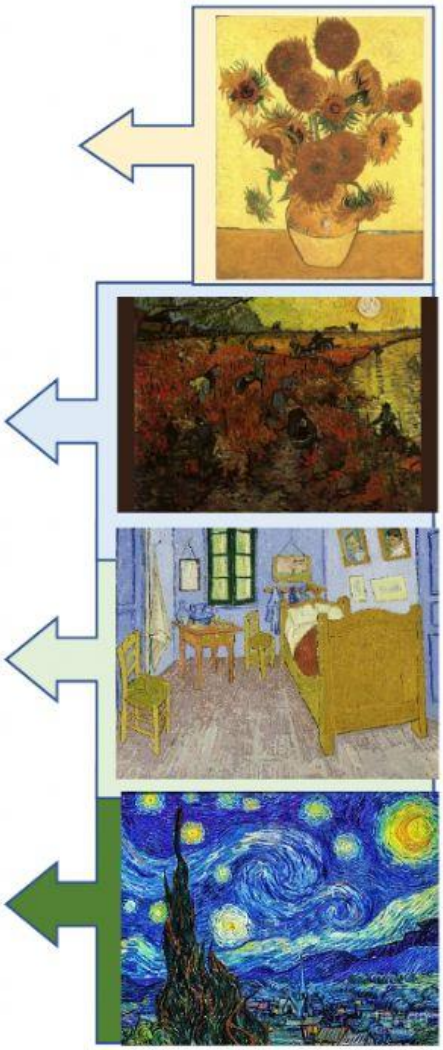
B. Patch of Grass

C. Sunflowers

D. Starry Night

E. The Red Vineyard

F. The Bedroom



Curious data:
Vincent Van Gogh used to put lighted candles in his hat in order to paint at night.

3. Read the following questions and choose the correct answer.

1.What was the only painting sold during Van Gogh's lifetime?

2. What nationality was Vincent van Gogh?

3.How did Vincent van Gogh die?

4. About how many paintings did Vincent van Gogh paint?

5.At what age did Vincent van Gogh die?

4.Watch this video and answer the following questions:

Taking into account the above video, answer the following questions correctly :

A. What year did Vincent van Gogh travel to the future?

B. For Professor Black, what place does he give Vincent van Gogh in art history?

C. What did Vincent van Gogh transform with the pain of his tormented life?

Today Vincent van Gogh is generally regarded as the greatest Dutch painter since Rembrandt Even though he garnered only a very limited following during his lifetime, Van Gogh's artistic style had a considerable impact on scores of artists who followed. His works heralded the development of the Fauvism, Expressionism and Modernism schools of the 20th century.