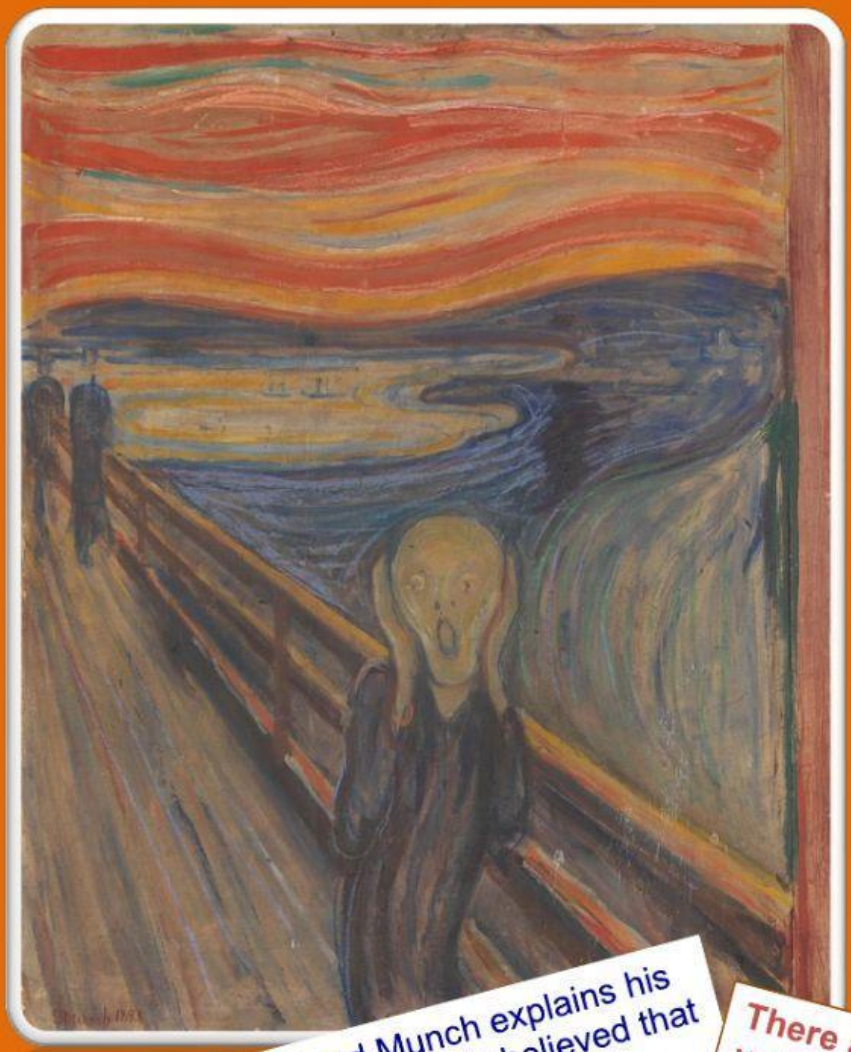


The Scream

artist: Edvard Munch
date: 1893
style: expressionist

"I was walking along the road with two friends – the sun was setting – suddenly the sky turned blood red – I paused, feeling exhausted, and leaned on the fence – there was blood and tongues of fire above the blue-black fjord and the city – my friends walked on, and I stood there trembling with anxiety – and I sensed an infinite scream passing through nature."

The quote from Edvard Munch explains his inspiration for the painting. It is believed that he suffered from agoraphobia. Both his father and sister suffered mental illness and he worried that he was going mad.

There are 4 versions in paint and pastel.

The Scream is one of the most well-known and most valuable

$120 million for a pastel

Describe in detail what you can see in the picture.

Use the Elements of Art – colours, texture, shape to describe how the picture was made.

What feelings are created?