VINCENT VAN GOGH

Vincent Villem Van Gogh was born on 30th March 1853. He was a Dutch post-impressionist[1] artist, one of the most famous painters in the history of Art.

In about ten years, he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings. He did most of them in the last two years of his life. Their characteristic is bold[2] colours and the dramatic way the artist used his paintbrush.

Van Gogh was not successful while he lived and his suicide[3] when he was 37 years old came after years of being mentally ill[4] and poor.

Today, Van Gogh's works are among the most expensive in the world. There is also a museum in his name, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, where you can see the world's largest collection of his paintings and drawings.

[adapted from Wikipedia]

Choose the answer that completes the sentence correctly.

1) Van Gogh was from **Denmark / the Netherlands**.

2) He was a **painter / musician**.

3) **Few / a lot of** people think his art is great now.

4) He made around **2,100 / 860** paintings using oil colours.

5) He painted most of his art **before / after** 1888.

6) His paintings have lots of **bright / soft** colours.

7) He made **lots of / little** money selling his paintings.

8) He had **few / many** problems while he lived.

9) He died in **1890 / 1892**.

10) People thought he was a **great / horrible** painter while he was alive.

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[1] Μεταϊμπρεσιονιστής. Ο μεταϊμπρεσιονισμός ήταν καλλιτεχνικό ρεύμα που αναπτύχθηκε γύρω στα τέλη του 19ου αιώνα αμέσως μετά το κίνημα του ιμπρεσιονισμού, του οποίου είναι κατά κάποιον τρόπο προέκταση, ακολουθώντας τις ίδιες τεχνικές αλλά επιδιώκοντας να δώσουν μεγαλύτερο συναισθηματισμό στην τέχνη.

[2] Τολμηρός, έντονος.

[3] αυτοκτονία.

[4] ψυχικά ασθενής

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