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Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch painter. He was born in Zundert, Netherlands in 1853. Growing up, Van Gogh was very poor. In fact, he _____ to leave school to find work when he was only 15. His job was selling art from a London gallery. He _____ making his own paintings until 1880. Van Gogh _____ often through the last decade of his life, but his struggles with mental illness made it difficult for him to work. In 1888, he _____ off his own ear. A few months later, he _____ to move into a psychiatric hospital so that he _____ recover. While living there, he _____ the iconic painting The Starry Night. Van Gogh's work is very well-known today, but almost nobody _____ his name when he was alive. His paintings only _____ famous after his death in 1890.

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