

# VINCENT VAN GOGH

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# VAN GOGH'S EARLY YEARS

- Vincent Van Gogh was born on march 30, 1853
- He was born in Zundert, Netherlands.
- His mom's name was Anna, his father was Theodorus. He had 3 sisters; Anna, Elisabeth, and Willemina. He also had 2 brothers; Theodorus and Cornelius.

## EARLY YEARS CONTINUED

- *Van Gogh spent his childhood in a little village in the southern Netherlands, often finding himself wandering the countryside observing nature.*
- *Exactly one year before Van Gogh was born his mom had another kid, which was also named Vincent. He was stillborn and didn't survive.*

# VAN GOGH'S EDUCATION

- *Van Gogh spent a year at the village school, then went to a boarding school for two years, and one year and four months at a high school.*
- *Van Gogh unfortunately only received a partial education due to his family financially struggling so to help them he had to get a job.*

# VAN GOGH'S EARLY ADULT YEARS

- *At the age of 16 he was forced to get a job, three years later he was relocated to London and within two years he was moved back to Paris.*
- *Van Gogh didn't necessarily choose to live in Paris or London but due to work he did.*

# VAN GOGH'S EARLY INFLUENCES

- *Gauguin, Pissarro, Monet, and Bernard had a close friendship with Van Gogh and they all ended up influencing him in their own unique way.*
- *When Van Gogh moved to Paris in 1886 it a very had a large impact on his art work*

# VAN GOGH'S PERSONAL LIFE

- *Although Van Gogh proposed to three women, he was never married because they all declined his offer. Therefore he never had any children*
- *In 1872 he proposed to Caroline Haanebeek, in 1873 he proposed to Eugenie Loyer, and in 1881 he proposed to Kee Vos-Stricker. The rejection from these women didn't really have an effect on his artwork considering he wasn't painting yet at those times.*

# VAN GOGH'S FIRSTS WORKS OF ART

- *His first works of arts are from 1881, there are three; Still Life with Cabbage and Clogs, Crouching Boy with Sickle, and woman sewing watercolor. (listed top to bottom)*
- *Van Gogh's art never made him wealthy, he struggled in poverty most of his life.*
- *1881 and 1882 were his major years of artist exploration, he wasn't sure what style or medium he preferred.*





# VAN GOGH'S ART STYLE

- *His artwork was mainly impressionism and neo-impressionism.*
- *His focus was painting works of art.*
- *Early on he used watercolors but then advanced to oil paints.*



*The Potato Eaters*



*Bedroom in Arles*

# VAN GOGH'S STYLE CONTINUED

- *Impressionism is a style or movement depicted through painting, it shows the visual impression in that moment.*
- *Impressionism was very popular from the 1870's to the 1880's.*
- *Edouard Manet and Claude Monet are two other famous artists that used impressionism as their main art style.*

# VAN GOGH'S MOST FAMOUS WORK OF ART



- His most famous work of art is *The Starry Night*.
- This painting is now located in the Museum of Modern Art

# ALL ABOUT THE STARRY NIGHT

- *Van Gogh made this piece of art during his 12 month stay at the Saint-Paul-de-Mausole asylum where he was recovering from amputating his own ear.*
- *It was created in June of 1889.*
- *It's 28.7 in. x 36 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. in size.*
- *It's an oil on canvas painting of the night sky and buildings.*
- *It's considered to be a part of the post-impressionism movement.*

# STRANGERS CRITIQUE OF THE STARRY NIGHT

*This artwork is arranged mostly by small active lines. These small, flowing lines create rhythm with the swirls and small curves by leading the eye through the sky. This artwork uses informal balance with a large cypress on the left and a small lower town on the right. Van Gogh creates contrast by pairing bright yellow with the dark blue in the sky. Emphasis is created by putting a large dark object in contrast with the bright sky, as well as a large bright moon as a focal point.*

*The mood of this work suggests a rather sad mood. It's dark and dominantly blue colors along with the flowing lines seems to represent a flowing sadness or depression. The atmosphere is that of a quiet town, such as a quiet mind of the sad. The fluidity almost seems like a river that one could float down, washing away the hardships and plagues of the mind. This artwork may represent the madness of Van Gogh, and the sadness that he receives as a result of his illness.*

# PERSONAL CRITIQUE OF THE STARRY NIGHT

*I personally really like everything about the painting *The Starry Night* created by Vincent Van Gogh, it's a post-impressionism landscape of the night sky, a small town, and a large cypress tree. The different shades of blue mixed together with the white seems to give it a sense of depth. The whimsical brush strokes gives it movement. The large black cypress tree emphasise the beautiful night sky, with a bright yellow moon that seems to be the focal point of this sky in this painting. Although the dark blue and black shades do seem to give it a rather sad feeling.*

# MY PERSONAL FAVORITE PIECE OF ART BY VAN GOGH



*This is called 'Wheat Field' painted by Van Gogh in 1890. I like this piece because i think the clouds are very fluffy and whimsical.*

# VAN GOGH'S IMPORTANCE IN THE HISTORY OF ART

- *Van Gogh was a Dutch Painter, he was generally known to be one of the best, he paved the way for many artist that came after him, he's also very important in the post-impressionism art world, as he expressed himself through every painting not caring what people thought or if people would buy it.*
- *He used colors and certain brush strokes while painting to bring emotion to the stories he was trying to tell, this inspired many other artist to think outside the box when it came to choosing their color palette, and to be a little looser with their brush strokes.*



# COOL FACTS ABOUT VAN GOGH

- *Van Gogh was one of four others in his family named Vincent Van Gogh: his grandfather, his older stillborn brother, then his brother Theo named his kid Vincent.*
- *He was a self-taught artist that didn't really start painting until he was 27, and died 10 years later at the age of 37.*
- *He wrote over 800 letters documenting everything that happened in his life.*
- *From 1881 to 1890 he painted almost 900 different paintings.*
- *He was nicknamed 'The Redheaded Madman' due to the time he spent in and out of hospitals with his mental illness.*

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