



# Vincent van Gogh

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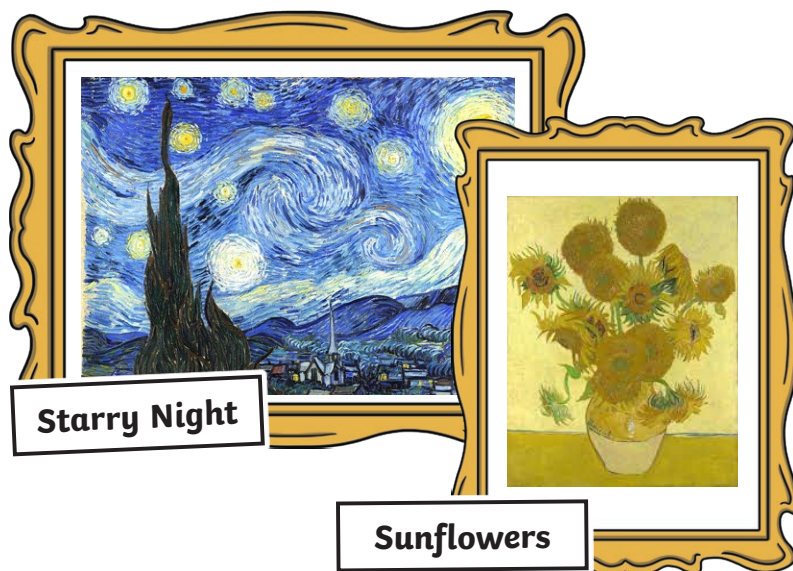
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- Vincent went to Paris to learn about it.

## Who Was Vincent van Gogh?

- Vincent van Gogh was a famous painter.
- He was born in the Netherlands.
- He was very close to his brother.

## What Did Vincent Paint?

- Vincent moved to the south of France to find new ideas for his paintings.
- He lived in a yellow house.
- He loved the bright colours of his new home and used them in his art.
- Two of his most famous paintings are called 'Sunflowers' and 'Starry Night'.



## What Happened to Him?

- Vincent sometimes felt very angry or sad.
- He used painting to help him feel better.
- He lived until he was 37 years old.

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- ☐ France

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## Who Was Vincent van Gogh?

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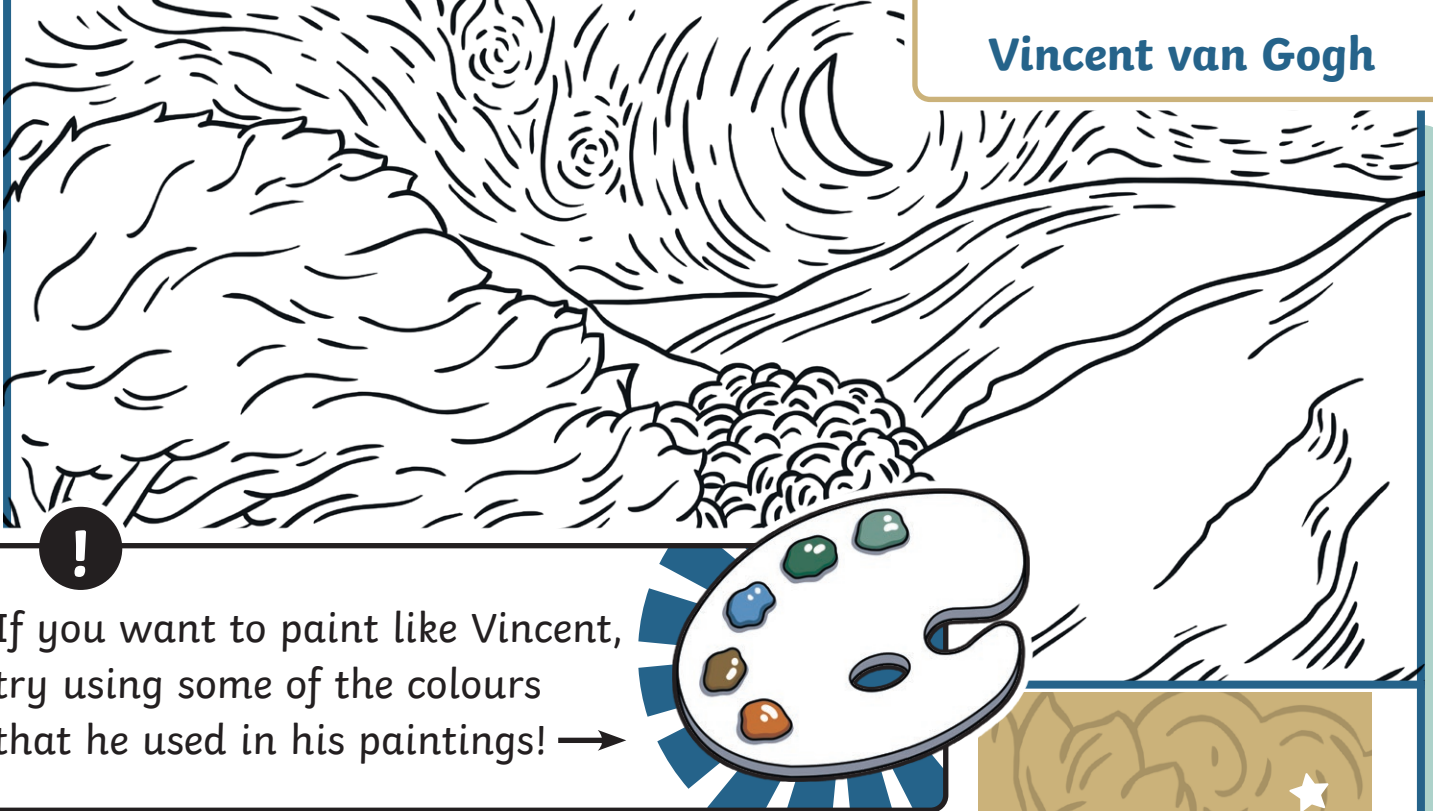


## Where Did Vincent Get His Ideas From?

Vincent's brother worked in an art gallery in Paris in France. He wrote to Vincent and told him all about a new style of art called impressionism.

Impressionism uses bright colours and big brush strokes. Vincent moved to Paris to learn about it.





If you want to paint like Vincent, try using some of the colours that he used in his paintings! →

## What Did Vincent van Gogh Paint?

Vincent moved to the south of France in 1888. He lived in a yellow house and invited other artists to join him. Vincent loved the sunshine and bright colours at his new home and used them in his art.

Two of his most famous paintings are called 'Sunflowers' and 'Starry Night'. He painted these when he was living in the south of France.

## What Happened to Vincent van Gogh?

Vincent sometimes felt very angry or sad. He used painting to try and help him feel better but had to go and stay in hospital. He lived until he was 37 years old.

## Did You Know...?

Vincent painted more than thirty self-portraits!



# Questions

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The first one has been done for you.

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**Vincent used painting to try to stop him feeling angry and sad.**



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Sunflowers



Starry Night



## What Inspired Vincent van Gogh?

Theo worked in an art gallery in Paris in France. He wrote to Vincent and told him all about a new style of art called **impressionism**.

## Did You Know...?

Vincent cut off part of his ear after an argument with another artist.



# What Did Vincent Do Next?

Vincent moved to the south of France in 1888 and hoped to set up a place for artists to paint. He lived in a dazzling yellow house and invited other artists to join him.



**The Bedroom**

## Glossary

**impressionism:** A style of art where the artist tries to capture a moment of life how they see it instead of making it look realistic.



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### What Are Vincent van Gogh's Most Famous Paintings?

Vincent loved the blue skies, colourful fields and the bright sunshine at his new home and used them in his art. Two of his most famous paintings are called 'Sunflowers' and 'Starry Night'. He painted these when he was living in the south of France. He also painted his bedroom in his yellow house.

### What Happened to Vincent van Gogh?

Vincent sometimes felt very angry or sad and could not control these feelings. He used painting as a way to show his feelings and to help him feel better.

Vincent went into hospital but did not get better. He died on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1890 in France. He was 37 years old.



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I like 'Sunflowers' the most because I like bright colours and it makes me feel happy and cheerful.**