All about Vincent van Gogh

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What do you already know about Vincent van Gogh?

Vincent Van Gogh
1888

- Born: 1853
- Job: Artist
- He was born in the Netherlands.
- He had two brothers and three sisters.
- Died: 1890

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Van Gogh the Painter

- Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch artist.
- He painted **portraits** and **landscapes**.
- He used **watercolours** and oil paints.
- He is famous for using bright colours and bold brushstrokes in his work.
- He painted in a style called **Post-Impressionism**.

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Van Gogh the Painter

How did Van Gogh become a painter?
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1879

Van Gogh's brother suggested that he become an artist. He went to art school in Brussels and started to learn about drawing.

1882

He visited his relative, Anton Mauve, who introduced him to painting with oil paint.

1885

He produced his first important painting, called 'The Potato Eaters'.

1886

He moved to Paris, where he discovered the work of some artists called the French **Impressionists**.

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Famous Paintings by Van Gogh

Here is a gallery of Van Gogh's most famous works.
Click on each painting to find out more.

The Potato Eaters
1885

Sunflowers
1888

Starry Night
1889

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Facts about Van Gogh

What have you found out about Vincent van Gogh?

Discuss It!

Find a partner and share what you found out.
How many facts can you remember about Vincent van Gogh?
Which of his paintings did you like best? Why?

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Glossary

Impressionism – a style of painting using dabs of paint and colour, with visible brush strokes

Landscape – a painting showing a view of natural scenery, like the countryside

Portrait – a painting of a person

Post-Impressionism – the work of some famous artists including van Gogh, who used bright colours and symbols to show emotions and feelings in their artwork

Watercolour – a type of paint which is used with water to give transparent colour

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