

Zara’s Van Gogh Art Masterclass

Learning objective: To understand the techniques and style of Vincent van Gogh, identifying key art vocabulary used to describe his work.

Key Vocabulary

Study this word mat to help you describe Vincent van Gogh's paintings. The terms are grouped into 'Painting Style', 'Elements of Art', and 'Emotional Expression'. Use these words when you discuss his famous artworks like *The Starry Night* or *Sunflowers*.

Impasto A technique where paint is laid onto...	Brushstrokes The marks left by a brush wh...	Vibrant Colors that are bright, strong, and ful...
Complementary ... Pairs of colors that look ...	Texture The way a surface looks or feels, su...	Canvas The strong fabric stretched over a fr...
Landscape A painting that shows scenery, s...	Still life A painting of non-moving objects, lik...	Expressionism An art style that focuses on ...
Hue A fancy word for a specific color, like red...	Contrast When two very different things, like ...	Swirling Moving in a twisting or spiralling pat...
Pigment The natural substance that gives pa...	Perspective The way an artist makes a apar...	Composition How an artist arranges the ite...
Why do you think...	If you were painti...	Explain the differ...
Which 'complemen...	How does using '...	