

Exploring the Art of Wassily Kandinsky with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the artistic style of Wassily Kandinsky, including abstract art, synaesthesia, and the use of geometric shapes.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about Wassily Kandinsky. Read the term or question on the front, think of the answer, and then check the back to see if you are correct!

Who was Wassily Kandinsky?

A Russian painter known as one of the pioneers of abstract art.

What does 'Abstract Art' mean?

Art that does not try to represent an accurate depiction of visual reality, instead using shapes, colours, and forms to achieve its effect.

What is 'Synaesthesia' in relation to Kandinsky?

A condition where senses overlap; Kandinsky claimed he could 'hear' colours and 'see' music.

Which geometric shapes did Kandinsky frequently use in his work?

Circles, triangles, squares, and straight lines.

What did Kandinsky believe colours could represent?

He believed colours could express emotions and feelings, similar to how music creates a mood.

What is a 'Composition'?

The way in which different elements of an artwork are arranged or organised on the canvas.

Zara the Zebra loves patterns. Why are Kandinsky's paintings often described as 'rhythmic'?

Because he arranged shapes and colours in patterns that feel like a musical beat or melody.

True or False: Kandinsky's art usually looks like a photograph.

False. His art is abstract and does not try to look like a realistic photograph.

How did Kandinsky feel about the connection between art and music?

He felt they were very closely linked and often gave his paintings musical titles like 'Composition' or 'Improvisation'.

If you were buying art supplies to paint like Kandinsky, what three primary colours would you definitely need?

Red, Yellow, and Blue.

What is the main goal of abstract art?

To focus on the feelings and ideas behind the work rather than painting a realistic image of an object.

Why did Kandinsky use bold, bright colours?

He believed bright colours could create a powerful emotional response in the viewer.