

Zara's Art Studio: Discovering Vincent van Gogh

Learning objective: To identify the key artistic style, techniques, and famous works of Vincent van Gogh.

Read the front of each card to learn about the life and art of Vincent van Gogh. Once you think you know the answer, check the back (the part after the '| Answer: ') to see if you are correct!

Who was the Dutch artist famous for his expressive brushwork and use of bold colours?

Vincent van Gogh.

Which artistic movement is Van Gogh most associated with, known for its focus on emotion and symbolic colours?

Post-Impressionism.

What is the name of the technique where paint is laid on the canvas in very thick layers?

Impasto.

In Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night', what type of shapes does he use to represent the movement of the sky?

Swirling, rhythmic lines.

What did Van Gogh often use to express his feelings rather than just painting things exactly as they looked?

Bold, non-realistic colours.

What is the name of the series of paintings Van Gogh created featuring a popular yellow flower?

Sunflowers.

How did Van Gogh typically apply paint to his canvas to create texture?

With short, thick, and visible brushstrokes.

Besides landscapes, what was one of the most common subjects Van Gogh painted to study human expression?

Self-portraits.

Why are Van Gogh's paintings described as 'expressive'?

Because they focus on the artist's personal feelings and emotions rather than just a realistic photograph-like image.

In his painting 'Bedroom in Arles', what did Van Gogh use to create a feeling of space?

Perspective and strong, bright colours.

What colour does Van Gogh frequently use to represent warmth and happiness in his work?

Yellow.

Did Van Gogh become famous during his own lifetime, or did his popularity grow after his death?

His popularity grew significantly after his death.