

Zara's Van Gogh Art Adventure

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

Join Zara the Zebra as she explores the colourful world of Vincent van Gogh! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer. Good luck, budding artists!

Answer Key: 1. A (Vincent), 2. False, 3. True, 4. B (Thick paint), 5. Starry Night, 6. C (Yellow), 7. True, 8. B (France), 9. True, 10. A (Emotional expression).

Word bank: Post-Impressionism · Sunflowers · Starry Night · Impasto · Vincent · Canvas · Palette · Primary

1. 1. What was the first name of the artist known as Van Gogh? A) Vincent* B) Victor C) Vernon D) Valentine (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Van Gogh lived during the 21st century. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Van Gogh used very bright, bold colours in his paintings. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name of the technique where paint is applied very thickly to the canvas? A) Watercolour B) Impasto* C) Sketching D) Shading (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the title of his famous painting featuring a swirling sky and a cypress tree? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. Which colour did Van Gogh famously use to paint his series of Sunflowers? A) Blue B) Red C) Yellow* D) Green (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Van Gogh was known for painting many self-portraits. (1 mark)

8. 8. In which country did Van Gogh spend the later part of his life painting? A) Italy B) France* C) Germany D) Spain (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Van Gogh often used visible, short brushstrokes to show movement. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which art movement is Van Gogh most closely associated with? A) Post-Impressionism* B) Surrealism C) Pop Art D) Cubism (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the Zebra wants to see your artistic flair! Using the style of Van Gogh, draw your own bedroom window view. Remember to use short, swirling brushstrokes and bold, bright colours.



Extension challenge: Research one other painting by Van Gogh. Write two sentences about what you see in the painting and how it makes you feel.