

Zara's Art Studio: The Life and Works of Vincent van Gogh

Learning objective: To identify key characteristics of Vincent van Gogh's artistic style and understand the historical significance of his Post-Impressionist work.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Van Gogh's techniques and his famous paintings. Pair up with a partner and see who can recall the most facts!

Who was Vincent van Gogh?

A Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who became one of the most influential figures in Western art history.

What is the 'Impasto' technique?

A method of applying paint very thickly onto the canvas so that it stands out and creates texture.

What is Post-Impressionism?

An art movement that focused on subjective visions and emotional expression rather than just capturing realistic light.

How would you describe Van Gogh's use of colour?

He used bold, vibrant, and non-naturalistic colours to convey his personal feelings about a subject.

What are the famous swirling patterns in 'The Starry Night' an example of?

They represent the artist's expressive, rhythmic, and individualistic brushwork style.

What subjects did Van Gogh commonly paint?

Landscapes, portraits (including many self-portraits), flowers (like sunflowers), and simple interiors.

How did Van Gogh apply his paint?

He often used short, energetic, and visible brushstrokes to give his paintings movement and energy.

What was the significance of 'The Yellow House'?

It was a studio space in Arles where Van Gogh hoped to establish an artist community.

Why do some people say Van Gogh painted 'emotion'?

Because he used colour and form to express how he felt about the world rather than just how the world looked.

What is a self-portrait?

An artistic representation of the artist, drawn, painted, or sculpted by the artist themselves.