

Van Gogh: A Troubled Genius

A Cross-Curricular Unit

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Understanding What You Read



1. Vincent Van Gogh was born in _____ in 1853.
2. Vincent sold only _____ painting in his entire life.
3. _____ was the only thing that made Van Gogh happy.
4. Because of his furry coat, Vincent called himself "_____."

Paint Your Own Picture



Pretend that you are Vincent Van Gogh. You want to paint the most beautiful picture in the world. What would you paint? Would you paint a person? Would you paint flowers or a landscape? Draw a picture of what you would paint if you were an artist.

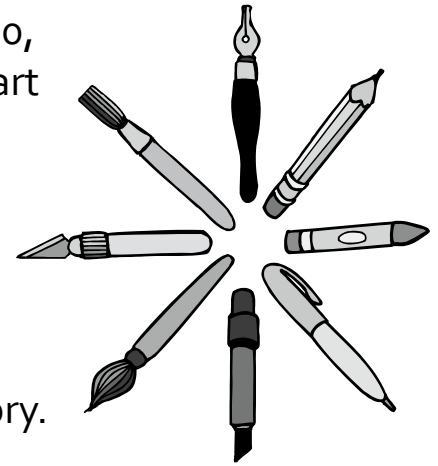
A large, empty rectangular frame with a double-line border, intended for the student to draw their own picture.

Figure It Out!



1. Vincent was born in 1853. He died at the age of 36. In what year did he die?

2. One June, Vincent finished 15 paintings. That July he only painted $\frac{1}{3}$ of the number of paintings he had finished in June. How many paintings did he finish in July? _____
3. The average artist uses 7 tubes of paint per picture. Vincent used 6 times the amount of paint as a normal painter. How many tubes of paint did Vincent use for one picture? _____
4. Vincent bought a tube of paint for \$1.59, a brush for \$3.00, and a canvas for \$7.50. How much did Vincent spend on art supplies? _____



Word Play



Unscramble each set of letters to make a word from the story.

1. ntiap _____
2. ghsgay _____
3. ngersta _____
4. proo _____



Vincent Van Gogh