Knowledge Organiser: Vincent Van Gogh: Year 3



Star Vocabulary	
Depth	The distance
	between the
	background and the
	foreground
Texture	How something
	feels
Impressionist	Impressionism was
	an art movement
	that happened
	between 1886 and
	1905. This type of
	art often had
	abstract qualities
impasto	Thickly textured
	paints
tint	If you add white the
	colour gets lighter
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shade	If you add black the
	colour gets darker
Sketch	A rough drawing or
	painting in which
	an artist notes
	down his
	preliminary ideas
	for a work.
Portrait	A picture of a
	particular person or
	animal
Self-portrait	A picture of the
	self.

Henri Rousseau

Sonia Delaunay

Who was Vincent Van Gogh?

Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands but travelled across Europe. He went to France, Belgium, and England. When he was in London, he was inspired by all the art he saw in galleries. Van Gogh's brother, Theo, worked in an art gallery and introduced Van Gogh to many artworks. Van Gogh was interested in painters who were painting everyday life.

Today, most people know the name Vincent van Gogh. However, when he was alive, he was not very famous at all. Since his death, he has become one of the most successful painters in history. People across the world have admired his unique style. If you look closely at his paintings, the brushstrokes are broken up. It is as if you can see each time Van Gogh put his brush on the canvas. In total, Van Gogh made around 2,100

artworks.

Famous Artwork



Pointillist style





Skills and Tools



Tints and shades.

Sketch



