

Famous Paintings by Van Gogh

Here is a gallery of Van Gogh's most famous works.
Click on each painting to find out more.



The Potato Eaters
1885



Sunflowers
1888



Starry Night
1889

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The Potato Eaters, 1885

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This painting shows five people sitting around a table eating potatoes.



Van Gogh had not been painting for very long when he made this picture.



He painted this picture in oil paints.



He wanted to show real life in his picture.



He used quite dark colours in this artwork.

Do It!

Can you spot these things in the painting?

- a picture frame hanging on the wall
- a plate of potatoes
- a window

Discuss It!

What do you think the people are saying to each other in the painting?

Why do you think Van Gogh used dark colours in this painting?

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Sunflowers, 1888



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Van Gogh painted this for his friend, the artist Paul Gauguin.



He chose the colour yellow to represent happiness.



He made lots of paintings of sunflowers.



This is one of Van Gogh's most popular and famous paintings.

Discuss It!

Which is your favourite colour? How does it make you feel? Can you think of any other colours which are used to represent an emotion?

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Starry Night, 1889



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This is one of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.



Van Gogh was very interested in the night-time.



He used his paint to create a swirling effect.



He used light yellow paint to make it look as though the moon and stars are glowing.

Discuss It!

What can you see in the sky?
What does it make you think about?
Would you like to visit this place?
Where do you think it is?