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“Starry Night”



“Starry Night” was painted by a Dutch artist named Vincent Van Gogh.

Van Gogh painted it during the day from his memory of when he looked at the night sky. This is the view from his window at a hospital in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, France.

“The painting is among Van Gogh's most well-known works and marks a decisive turn towards greater imaginative freedom in his art.”

[Source: wikipedia.org]

Now, as an “Art Detective” you are going to investigate this painting and the life of Van Gogh using the Internet.

What kind of hospital was Van Gogh in when he created this painting?

Do you like the painting? Yes No I'm not sure.

Van Gogh was described as a post-impressionist painter. What is post-impressionism? [Hint: search wikipedia.org website.]

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This is another painting by Van Gogh

What is the name of this painting?

This painting was sold for over \$50 million.

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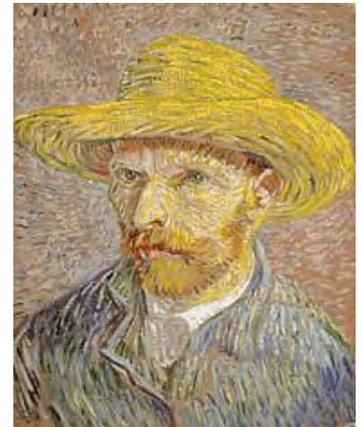
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Vincent van Gogh lived in the 19th century.

Where was he born? _____

In what year was he born? _____

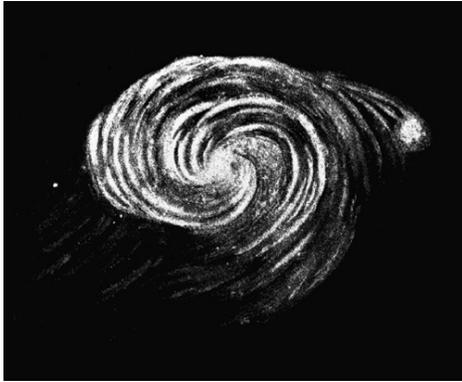
How old was he when he died? _____



“Self-Portrait With Straw Hat” 1887

Van Gogh suffered from mental illness. Do you think that if he was treated by modern medicine and did not suffer mental illness, he would have created these famous paintings? Explain.

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Whirlpool Galaxy?

“Simon Singh, in his book *Big Bang*, says that ‘Starry Night’ has striking similarities to a sketch of the Whirlpool Galaxy, drawn by Lord Rosse 44 years before Van Gogh's work.” [Source: wikipedia.org]

Do you agree with Singh? YES NO

Research these Van Gogh paintings on the Internet:

1. “Starry Night Over the Rhone”

What year was it painted? _____

Where was it painted? _____

Rate the painting from 1 to 10. [10 = “Awesome!”] _____



2. “Sunflowers”

What famous artist came to visit Van Gogh when he was painting these sunflowers?

Rate the painting from 1 to 10. [10 = “Awesome!”] _____



3. “Café Terrace at Night”

In what country is this painting displayed in a museum? _____

Rate the painting from 1 to 10. [10 = “Awesome!”] _____

