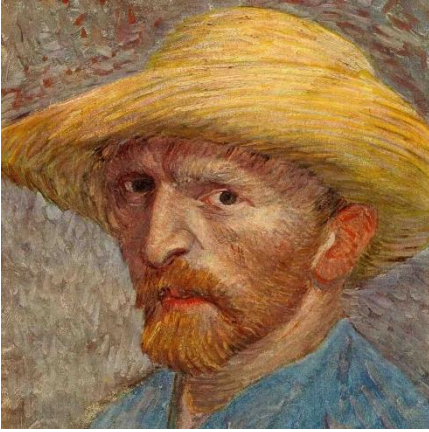


# Vincent Van Gogh

March 30, 1853 – July 29, 1890 (age 37)

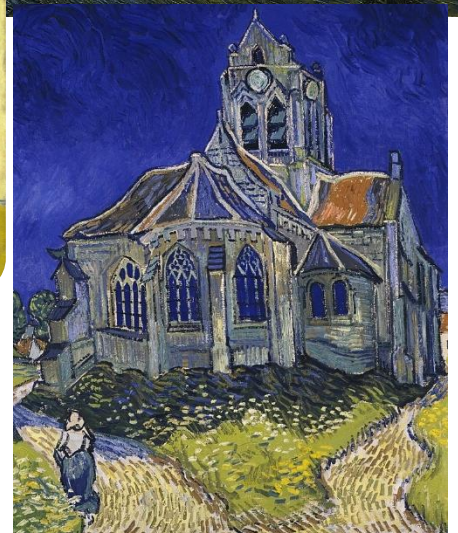
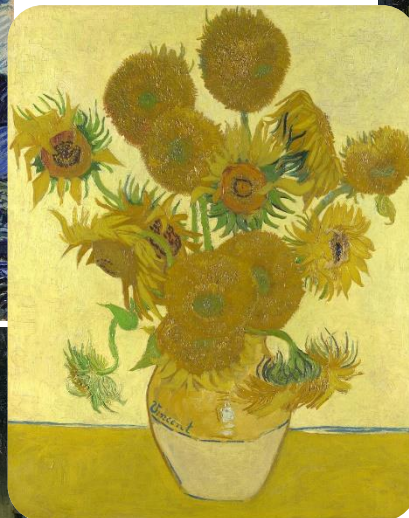
Van Gogh lived in the Netherlands, England, Belgium and France

Interesting Fact: He suffered from severe mental illnesses and even cut off his own ear because he heard “voices” in that ear.



Van Gogh was inclined to immerse himself in local cultures and lighting conditions, although he maintained a highly individual visual outlook throughout. (from Wikipedia) Van Gogh’s style was spontaneous and instinctive, for he worked with great speed and intensity, determined to capture an effect or a mood while it possessed him. (from Britannica.com)

Some of Van Gogh’s most famous paintings are *Starry Night* (1889) and *Sunflowers in a Vase* (1888). Also pictured are *Starry Night Over the Rhone* (1888), *The Potato Eaters* (1885) and *The Church at Auvers* (1890)



## Book List:

*Vincent Van Gogh* by Venezia, Mike

*Vincent Can't Sleep; Van Gogh Paints the Night Sky* by Rosenstock, Barb

*The Yellow House; Vincent Van Gogh & Paul Gauguin Side by Side* by Rubin, Susan Goldman

*The Starry Night* by Waldman, Neil

*13 Artists Children Should Know* by Wenzel, Angela

## Websites:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent\\_van\\_Gogh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent_van_Gogh)

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Vincent-van-Gogh/The-productive-decade>

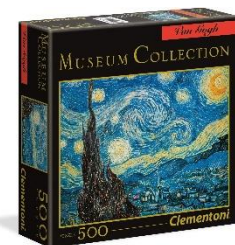
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## Activity List:

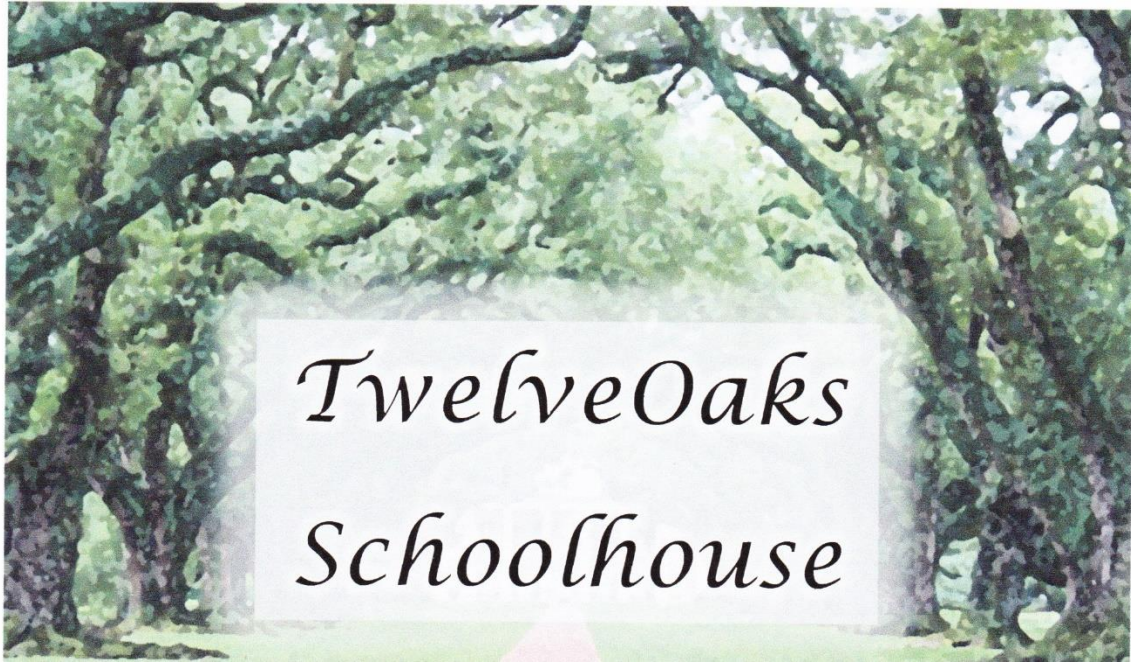
1. Step by step guide to drawing/ painting Wheatfield with Crows (one of Van Gogh's last paintings) - <https://artprojectsforkids.org/van-gogh-wheat-field-crows/>
2. Gather a vaseful of flowers from your own garden and paint them.
3. Van Gogh Inspired Fork Scrape Painting - <https://thepinterestedparent.com/2017/04/van-gogh-inspired-fork-scrape-painting/>



4. Watch "Vincent and the Doctor" from **Doctor Who** season 5
5. Put together a Van Gogh puzzle



6. Research depression and other mental illnesses. See what you can do to help; send your own artwork to mental hospitals, donate, practice random acts of kindness...



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