



# Vincent van Gogh

(1853 - 1890)

## Early Life

- Van Gogh was born in Zundert, Netherlands in 1853.
- Van Gogh enjoyed drawing but his talent didn't show until he was an adult.
- He didn't enjoy school and left when he was 15.
- He worked for an art dealer and as a teacher before he became an artist.



## Artwork

- Van Gogh liked to paint outside.
- He used thick paint in bright colours.
- He also created more than 35 self-portraits.
- His paintings of sunflowers are some of his most famous works.



## Key Vocabulary

Primary Colours-	A group of colours from which all other colours can be obtained
Secondary Colours-	A colour made by mixing two primary colours together
Shade-	Adding black to make a colour darker
Tint-	Adding white to make a colour lighter
Impasto-	Technique of spreading paint thickly onto the page with a brush
Texture-	The feel, appearance or consistency of a surface
Technique-	The way something is done



Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch artist. His colourful self-portraits and paintings of landscapes and flowers are famous around the world.



'Vase with Fifteen Sunflowers' by Vincent van Gogh, 1888

## Becoming an Artist

- Van Gogh began his career as an artist in 1880.
- He studied painting and drawing in Belgium and the Netherlands.
- He moved to Arles, France in 1888.
- The light, colours and countryside in France inspired him to paint landscapes.

## Legacy

- Van Gogh died in 1890. He only became famous after his death.
- His work influenced many other artists.
- His paintings sell for millions of pounds today.



## Sequence of Learning

1. I am going to learn about Van Gogh. Who was he? What was he famous for?
2. I am going to make marks using soft pencils or charcoal to try and understand Van Gogh's way of working.
3. I will make notes/comments about Van Gogh's work and his mark making techniques.
4. I am going to use the following to replicate van Gogh's style of painting:  
Printing with cardboard  
Using thick paint
5. I will produce a painting about Van Gogh using his techniques.
6. I will see what I can remember about Van Gogh.

