

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Afternoon Art Club at Home

Vincent Van Gogh



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About Afternoon Art Club at Home

The Afternoon Art Club at Home has been developed to support all of our art clubbers during the COVID-19 closures. It is prepared by Janet Gordon, Outreach Officer. Gordon has a Bachelor of Teaching (birth to 5yrs) and a Diploma in Children's Services (Centre based care), with 20 years experience in early childhood education. Gordon has several years experience in relief-teaching the afternoon art club at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.

This Afternoon Art Club at Home explores Vincent Van Gogh.

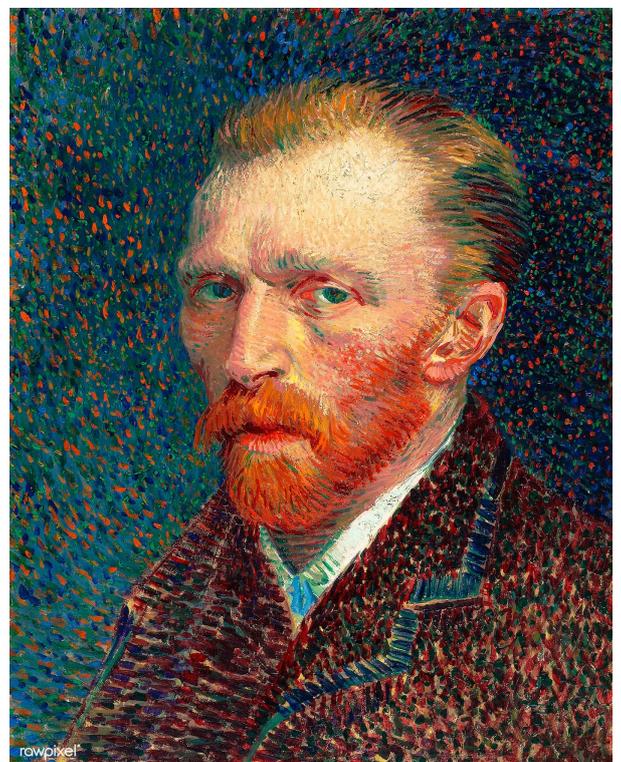
I find Vincent Van Gogh the most fascinating artist, who only started painting late in his life and unfortunately suffered from financial hardship and mental illness.

Who was Vincent Van Gogh?

Vincent Van Gogh was born 30th March 1853 in Zundert, Netherlands and Died 29 July 1890 in Auvers-sur-Oise, France at the age of 37. He died of an infection from a self inflicted gun shot wound to the chest.

He was a painter who didn't start painting until he was 27 years old. In the 10 years before his death he painted more than 900 art works, most in the last 2 years of his life and many self-portraits. He used oil paints and made pen and ink drawings that related to some of his paintings.

It's thought that he only sold one painting in his lifetime 'Red Vineyards Near Arles'. But, in 1990 his painting 'Portrait of Dr. Gachet' sold for US\$82.5 million making it one of the most expensive paintings in history.



Vincent Van Gogh, *Self-Portrait*, 1887. Original from the Art Institute of Chicago.

Explore the Paintings

Here are four of Van Gogh's paintings (*look on the next page also*).

Each one is unique.

What do you think of these paintings?

Use a coloured pencil to draw your thoughts.



Vincent Van Gogh, *The Starry Night*, 1889.
Original from Wikimedia Commons.



Vincent Van Gogh, *Sunflowers*, 1887.
Original from MET Museum.

Thinking . . .

Express your ideas and thoughts in creative ways . . .

. . . write or draw what you're thinking

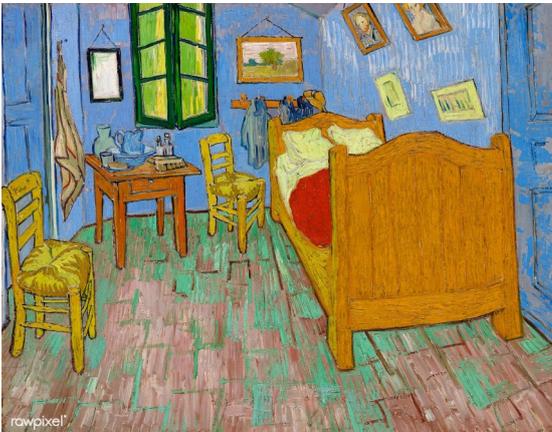


Vincent Van Gogh, *Irises*, 1889.

Original from the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Think about why Van Gogh painted things that were familiar to him?

Himself, his room, his environment ?



Vincent Van Gogh, *The Bedroom*, 1889.

Original from the Art Institute of Chicago.

What are some things familiar to you?

family? yourself? pets? the park?

school building? Home?



If you want to keep exploring Vincent Van Gogh,

visit [The VanGogh Gallery](http://TheVanGoghGallery.com)

Create . . .

Create an art work based on your self-portrait

. . . . maybe look in the mirror and make a drawing, use some old photos to create
a mash-up picture of your face

Take some time to sketch you ideas and a plan here first

We'd love to see your completed artworks. You can email a photograph to
artgallery@goulburn.nsw.gov.au or tag us on Instagram or Facebook