

The Artist

Vincent Van Gogh. The Artist. V. G. is one of the most historic artists in the world. You've never heard of him? Well this is the book for you. V. G. biography! Everything you need to know about the one and only painter.

Childhood

V. G. grew up with three sisters and two brothers. He would've had three brothers but Vincent, the another one, died at birth.

Gogh's parents father was a reverend. Because of this, V. G. grew up in a very holy* family. Now V. G.'s best friend was his brother Theo. They were always playing together, helping each other when they either of them was in need. Sadly, Vincent had epilepsy. It was mainly Theo who was helping Theo his brother.

Vincent and family had a 'peas and meal' education. This means that they only had a tiny piece of education. He then left school at sixteen.

Adult Years

In 1872 V. G. got a job as an art dealer. Then in 1873, still as an art dealer, he moved to Paris. Throughout his life, Theo and

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Vincent always wrote letters to each other. This is how we know about V. G's life.

After working in Paris for three years, V. G. decided to move back to England. Here, he worked as a teaching assistant. Eventually, Vincent quit and moved back to Holland to become a trainee reverend. Of course, he didn't like this job. His father was deeply upset.

So in 1879, Vincent moved to Belgium and thoughtfully helped miners and their families. But you guessed it, V. G. didn't like this job either! Finally, V. G. started drawing. He made this quote, 'leave some mementos in the form of drawings or paintings - not made to please any particular movement, but to express a sincere human feeling.'

In 1881, Van Gogh moved back in with his parents. He was gradually getting better at painting and drawing. Unfortunately though, his mother and father did not fund any lessons or art materials. So Theo stepped in and payed for everything he needed.

Vincent Vincent started by painting the low life of Holland and in 1885 he painted 'The Potato Eaters'. Soon after, V. G. started going for a few more painting lessons in Antwerp.

1886. Van Gogh moved in with Theo in Paris. Theo, working as an art dealer, had real

believe in his brother and tried to sell his paintings. But nobody would buy them. In fact, V.G. only ever sold one painting (called 'The Red Vineyard') out of nine-hundred! When he moved to France, Vincent's colours went from dark to light. He mingled with a lot of famous artists, especially Paul Gauguin. They soon moved to live in a house together. Sadly, they had an argument and Gauguin left. Soon after, V.G. moved to Arles still in France.

Later Life

Vincent's epilepsy got worse. He even cut off his left ear lobe as a present for a lady. Fortunately, the lady told the police and they bandaged his ear up to stop him from bleeding to death.

Van Gogh soon recognised how bad his case was and took himself to a mental asylum. Here he painted his most famous paintings, including 'Starry Night'.

As a year went by, Vincent lost all confidence when he was released from the asylum. In V.G. committed suicide by shooting himself* and died two days later, in a hospital on the 29th July 1890.

* in the chest

After Lige

Thes died six months after his brother. Nothing is known on how Thes died, or the rest of his family. All we know is that he is buried next to his artist brother.

Thes's wife saw the talent in V. G too. She tried to sell his paintings, and in 1914, she accomplished her mission.

We can respect Vincent by trying recreate his style of art.

So now you know all about 'The Artist'.
The one and only,
Vincent Van Gogh.