

Vincent van Gogh Resources

Picture Books

***Camille and the Sunflower: A Story about Vincent van Gogh* (Laurence Anholt)**

Despite the derision of their neighbors, a young French boy and his family befriend the lonely painter who comes to their town and begin to admire his unusual paintings.

***The First Starry Night* (Joan Shaddox Isom)**

An orphaned boy befriends Van Gogh in Arles, in a picture book illustrated with swirling settings reminiscent of the artist's paintings.

***Katie and the Sunflowers* (James Mayhew)**

Katie goes on another art appreciation adventure in *Katie and the Sunflowers* by James Mayhew. This time she steps in and out of post-impressionist paintings, including Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*, Cezanne's *Still Life with Apples and Oranges* and Gauguin's *Tahitian Pastorals*.

***Painting the Wind: A Story of Vincent van Gogh* (Michelle Dionetti)**

Entranced by the paintings of the unconventional artist Vincent Van Gogh, for whom her mother is working as a housekeeper, Claudine is saddened when the townspeople turn against him.

***The Starry Night* (Neil Waldman)**

Vincent Van Gogh befriends a young boy in New York City in this picture book fantasy about art and creativity.

***Vincent's Colors* (Vincent van Gogh)**

Van Gogh's descriptions of his paintings introduce young readers to the colors of the rainbow and beyond. This board book pairs the artist's paintings with his own words.

***Vincent van Gogh* (Eileen Lucas)**

Follows the life and artistic development of the painter who moved from Belgium and Holland to France, was influenced by Impressionism, and eventually created his own unique style.

***The Yellow House: Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin Side by Side* (Susan Goldman Rubin)**

For a brief period in 1888, two of the world's greatest artists lived and worked together in Arles, in southern France. Though only lasting about eight weeks, this tumultuous period and relationship influenced the work of both men. Rubin does an excellent job of contrasting their two styles (and temperaments) and clearly describes how differently each one treated the same subject. The illustrations include reproductions of their paintings and excellent pictures of the men at work and home. The artwork isn't captioned, so careful looking and reading of the text is necessary for someone unfamiliar with these artists to determine who painted what. This book provides an excellent introduction to the study of these painters and their styles.

Nonfiction and Books for Young Adult Audience

Van Gogh: Art for Children (Ernest Raboff)

A brief biography of this nineteenth-century Dutch painter accompanies reproductions and analyses of several of his works.

Vincent van Gogh: Artists in Their Time (Jen Green)

Discusses the life, art, and legacy of the Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. Includes a timeline linking the events in his life with world events.

Van Gogh: The Touch of Yellow (Jacqueline Loumaye)

Two children discover an old painting claimed to be the work of Vincent van Gogh. To solve the mystery behind the painting, they learn everything they can about the colorful Dutch artist.

Vincent Van Gogh: Sunflowers and Swirly Stars (Smart about Art series)

"Brad" explores the ups and downs of van Gogh's life and art in this colorful report, featuring Brad's funny cartoons alongside reproductions of classic paintings like Starry Night.

What Makes a Van Gogh a Van Gogh? (Richard Muhlberger)

Take a museum tour through the pages and discover the world of Van Gogh. Learn about the qualities that make one artist's work different from another. This edition features twelve important paintings, with analysis of composition, line, color, and subject matter, and information about the world in which the artist worked. Details of the paintings make abstract concepts easy to understand, even for readers studying these works for the first time.

Who Can Save Vincent's Hidden Treasure? (Thomas Brezina)

In this latest interactive adventure readers will discover the power and beauty of Van Gogh's brilliant palette as they learn much about the artist's work, life, and times. A mysterious phenomenon in the Museum of Adventures is causing some of Vincent van Gogh's most famous paintings to fade. With the help of Museum Director Tonatelli and his artistically inclined dog Pablo, the reader travels back in time in the museum's incredible "painting elevator" and figures out how to rescue these masterpieces before they disappear into oblivion. Armed with a decoding lens and treasure map, young artistic detectives will embark on their own fascinating adventure through the past and into the world of nineteenth-century Europe. There they'll visit van Gogh in his studio, learn about his life and times, and discover his masterful techniques. Imaginatively and vividly rendered, this journey through the Museum of Adventures will captivate readers from the first page as they learn not just about one of the world's most important painters, but will also use their own deductive skills to solve a fascinating mystery.

Audio Visual

Getting to Know: Vincent van Gogh (Mike Venezia) (video)

Playful cartoons and great art come together in this animated video about Vincent Van Gogh. Meet Vincent, his brother Theo and fellow artist Paul Gauguin in this remarkable story of Van Gogh's life and art.

Almond Blossoms: A Van Gogh Story (Umesh Shukla) (video)

Almond Blossoms, is a short story done in a unique display of artistic animation that will tell you a story about Vincent Van Gogh. The Biographical information about Vincent Van Gogh, that is included in this DVD, is educational while including interesting facts about this artist.

Coloring Book

Color Your Own Van Gogh Paintings (Dover Publications, Inc.)

This exquisite new coloring book will launch you on a journey of discovery with a collection of 30 meticulously rendered black-and-white drawings of Van Gogh masterpieces.

Prints

Van Gogh Portfolio (Taschen Portfolio)

Presents 14 stunning frame-able prints by Vincent Van Gogh, one of world's best-loved painters.

Notebooking Page

http://www.homeschoolhelperonline.com/notebooking/biography/van_gogh.htm

Art Appreciation Lesson

<http://gardenofpraise.com/art19.htm>

<http://gardenofpraise.com/art19a.htm>

Art Projects

<http://www.kinderart.com/painting/vangogh.shtml>

<http://www.kinderart.com/drawing/sunflo.shtml>

<http://www.kinderart.com/arthistory/vincent.shtml>

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/draw-a-twist-on-starry-night-craft/>

<http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/detail/harvest-skies-lesson-plan/>