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Artist, Vincent Van Gogh
by Sarah Terletsky



Vincent Van Gogh was an artist that was born in Zundert, Netherlands on March 30th, 1853. He was the eldest child of Minister Theodorus Van Gogh and Anna Carbentus who had five other children. He had three sisters, Anna, Elisabeth, and Willemina, and two brothers, Theodorus and Cornelius. The child that came before Vincent van Gogh was a still-born, whom which he was named after. Vincent Van Gogh first began his career as an artist at the age of 27 after attempting a few other unsuccessful professions. Van Gogh was mostly self-taught and educated himself by studying lesson books and copying prints. He often used people with less money and objects like flowers as subjects when he first started his career because he couldn't afford to pay them. At first, he created his art in black and white before he progressed onto color and focused on drawing figure and landscapes. Later, he graduated to using water color and oil paints and was inspired by Barbizon artists to paint rural life. Van Gogh's style eventually changed to the impressionist style that we all know today when he went to Paris for two years and saw Impressionists' (such as Paul Signac) art work which inspired him to experiment with the style himself. Vincent Van Gogh had traveled often to places like Hague in 1882 where he got some teaching from his cousin Anton Mauve, Belgium in 1885 to study at the Antwerp Academy, Paris to live with his brother Theodorus in Arles. However, Vincent van Gogh struggled with mental health problems as he created his beautiful works of art. It was in Arles in 1888 when Van Gogh cut off part of his left ear with a razor. Afraid of another breakdown, in May of 1889 he decided to go to the asylum in Saint-Rémy. After a year in the asylum Van Gogh stayed near his brother Theodorus in Auvers-sur-Oise where he was under the care of Dr. Paul Gachet. Sadly, Van Gogh shot himself in a wheat field and died two days later, on July 29, 1890. In the span of his career as an artist Vincent van Gogh created about 900 paintings and 1,110 works on paper.

Famous Works by Vincent Van Gogh

Starry Night



Irises



Sunflowers



Comparing Artists:
Vincent Van Gogh vs. Bob Ross
 by Tori Zaun



Vincent Van Gogh

- Born in village of Groot-Zundert, Holland on March 30, 1853
- Father was Dutch Reformed Minister Theodorus Van Gogh and his mother was a bookseller's daughter, Anna Carbentus
- Had 3 younger sisters and 2 younger brothers (Theodorus, Cornelius, Anna, Elisabeth and Willemina)
- Born into a religious upper middle-class family
- After much traveling and various unfulfilling occupations, he took up painting with almost no formal training
- Fought depression and mental illness while creating his art
- Made about 900 paintings and more than 1,100 works on paper
- At age of 27, he abandoned his unsuccessful careers as an art dealer and missionary, concentrated on painting and drawing
- So poor he had to use peasants and farmers as models and (then) flowers, landscapes, and himself because he couldn't pay his subjects
- Learned by copying prints and studying 19th century drawing manuals and lesson books
- Thought it was necessary to master black and white before doing color, at first focused on figure and landscape
- In 1882 moved from parent's home in Etten to the Hague, got some formal teaching from cousin Anton Mauve, ventured into water color and oil
- Barbizon artists influenced decision to paint rural life



Bob Ross

- Full name Robert Norman Ross
- Born on October 29, 1942 Daytona beach, Florida
- American Painter
- Art instructor
- Television host and creator of the joy of painting.
- Made tutorials and videos
- Donated his paintings to fundraisers at PBS.
- Has a missing finger that was cut off on a saw while working with his dad when he was a child.
- Had his hair permed to get less haircuts.
- Started wearing wigs due to a treatment for cancer which caused him to lose his hair.
- Inspires many other artists
- joined the air-force
- His family members were carpenters
- Learned his painting style from another artist Alexander William who he gives full credit to for teaching him how to paint.
- Bob popularized an art technique called "alla prima" Aka oil painting technique (wet on wet) other artists use this in their work too.
- Bob died on July 4th 1995.



Did You Know?

by Ewan Hargraves

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| Did you know 11% of people are left handed? | Did you know the only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia? |
| Did you know unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it? | Did you know the fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco? |
| Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib? | Did you know all insects have 6 legs? |
| Did you know 85% of plant life is found in the ocean? | Did you know the Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion footballs? |
| Did you know an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain? | Did you know M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie? |
| Did you know 'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy? | Did you know if you add up all the numbers from 1 to 100 consecutively (1 + 2 + 3...) it totals 5050? |
| Did you know birds need gravity to swallow? | Did you know frogs can't swallow with their eyes open? |
| Did you know dreamt is the only word that ends in mt? | Did you know hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards? |
| Did you know a cat has 32 muscles in each ear? | |
| Did you know a duck can't walk without bobbing its head? | |



The Best Books to Read this Summer

It is so important to keep reading all year long. So we've made a list of the best books to read for the summer. Pick up a copy from the Patchogue -Medford Library and enjoy!

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong by Brenda Woods

This is the story of a young boy befriending an African American World War II veteran in the segregated American South.

The Friendship War by Andrew Clements

In this new book from the author of the hit novel *Frindle*, two former best friends find themselves pitted against each other when a new school fad makes them reexamine the dynamics of their long friendship.

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

This book is about a girl named Delsie attempts to deal with loss, belonging, and her quest to finally find a "regular family."

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

In *Guts*, Raina Telgemeier tells the story of a girl learning that her newfound stomach discomfort might have something to do with her growing anxiety about school, friendships, and life.

Finally by Wendy Mass

Rory has a list of all the things she gets to do when she finally turns twelve. Get a cell phone. Wear makeup. Go to the mall with friends. But things don't turn out quite as she expects.

Doll Bones by Holly Black

Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been best friends forever, playing one long game of make-believe centering around the Queen, an old china doll. But now that they are in middle school, they are starting to drift apart. Poppy has been having creepy dreams about the Queen and the ghost of a girl. The friends set off on a spooky adventure to lay the Queen's ghost to rest.



The Grey Stuff by Matthew Terletsky



This recipe is a very good mousse (as in the ice cream type thing) and it's from Disney World Epcot or Magic Kingdom. It's called "The Grey Stuff" (even though it's brownish grey) from the part in the song for *Beauty and the Beast* "try the grey stuff its delicious." I went to Disney World but didn't get to try it, so I helped make it at home. I got the recipe from <http://www.magicalrecipes.net/be-our-guest-the-grey-stuff-recipe/> so you can visit to learn more. This dessert can be used as a topping or you can just eat it. I just ate it by itself and it was delicious!

Ingredients

- 1 (3.4 ounce) pkg Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix
- 1 1/2 cups Whole (or 2%) Milk
- 15 Oreos (regular, not double-stuffed)
- 1 (8 ounce) tub Whipped Topping
- 3 tablespoons Instant Chocolate Pudding Mix
- Edible Pearl Sprinkles

Instructions

1. Mix entire contents of vanilla pudding mix and milk in a large bowl with a whisk.
2. Set in fridge to chill 5 - 10 minutes.
3. Place Oreos in food processor and blend until they are fine crumbs (no large chunks they will ruin it). If you don't have a food processor its ok, you can place them into a gallon-size freezer bag and smash using a rolling pin.
4. Take the pudding from the fridge and mix in the crushed Oreos.
5. Fold in the tub of whipped topping.
6. Mix in the chocolate pudding mix and stir well.
7. Place back in fridge to chill ("The Grey Stuff" should chill for at least one hour before serving.)
8. To serve, spoon into a cake decorating bag fitted with a star tip and swirl onto a dish. (you don't have to do this step, but you can like I said you can just eat it)
10. Top with edible pearls for decoration.



Hershey Park

By Daissy Pereira

School is coming to an end, and what are most kids excited about? Vacation! One of the places that I really like is Hershey Park. It can be overwhelming to decide what rides to go on. If you are one of those people that can't decide, this article is really going to help you out. Here is a list of the best rides in Hershey Park that you need to check out if you're there.

1. Fahrenheit Details

97 degrees and falling fast! Climb the steep, 121-foot lift hill before plummeting down the signature Fahrenheit coaster 97-degree drop. And that's just the beginning, next, fly through a memorable course of loops, corkscrews, dives, and plenty of thrilling airtime.

2. Great Bear Details

Feel the roar of Great Bear! This guest favorite, inverted steel coaster leaves your feet dangling as it lifts 90 feet off the ground and launches into a thrilling, yet graceful course of drops, loops, corkscrews, and a zero-g roll that gives riders a scenic view of SooperdooperLooper, Spring Creek, Skyview, and more!

3. Laff Trakk Details

Laff Trakk coaster is the first indoor, spinning, glow-coaster in the United States. This family friendly house of laughs spins riders through an exciting adventure of sights and sounds complete with glimpses of colorful characters, a dizzying hall of mirrors, and more! Laff Trakk is the fun house of the 21st century offering a new experience with every ride.

4. Skyrush Details

Ride the edge and feel the rush! Skyrush roller coaster climbs 200 feet into the air before flying downhill at 75 mph. Experience 4 high speed turns, 5 zero-G airtime hills, and the highest drop in Hersheypark - all from a thrilling, winged-seat coaster train!

5. Storm Runner Details

Now get ready, here we go! Storm Runner coaster launches riders from 0-72 mph in 2 seconds flat and that's just the beginning. This one-of-a-kind coaster takes riders through a thrilling 135-foot cobra loop, barrel rolls, a dramatic flying snake dive, and a screeching halt before slowly gliding back into the station.

Reebus Puzzles

Can you figure these out?

1.



Answer: -----

2.



Answer: -----

3.



Answer: -----

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

1. Broken Promise 2. Green with Envy 3. Man Overboard

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