



Vincent van Gogh

March 30, 1853 – July 29, 1890

Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch painter and has created one of the most well-known pieces of art in the modern world: *Starry Night*.

When he was a young man, Van Gogh worked for a company of art dealers. He traveled between The Hague, London and Paris. After that, he taught in England. He then wanted to become a pastor and spread the Gospel, and from 1879 he worked as a missionary in a mining place in Belgium. He began drawing the people there, and in 1885, he painted his first important work, *The Potato Eaters*.

In March 1886, he moved to France. At this time he usually painted with dark colors, but after he found out about the French Impressionists, the colors in

his art became brighter. His special style of art was developed and later fully grown during the time he stayed in Arles in 1888.

Van Gogh had several failed careers in his lifetime: including a bookstore owner, art salesman, and preacher. After going to Paris to be with his brother, Van Gogh met many other famous artists including Camille Pissarro and Claude Monet. This brought more light in his paintings.

However, he was not well known when he was alive, and most people did not appreciate his art. During his brief career he had only sold one painting. After his death, Van Gogh's finest works were all sold in less than three years. His mother threw away a lot of his paintings during his life and even after his death. But she lived long enough to see him become a world famous painter.

Van Gogh only became famous after his death, and today he considered one of the greatest painters in the world and an important influence on modern art. Van Gogh did not begin painting until he was almost 30. Most of his famous works were done in his last two years. He made more than 2,000 artworks, with 900 paintings and 1,100 drawings and sketches. Today, many of his pieces – portraits, landscapes, and sunflowers – are some of the most famous and costly works of art in the world.

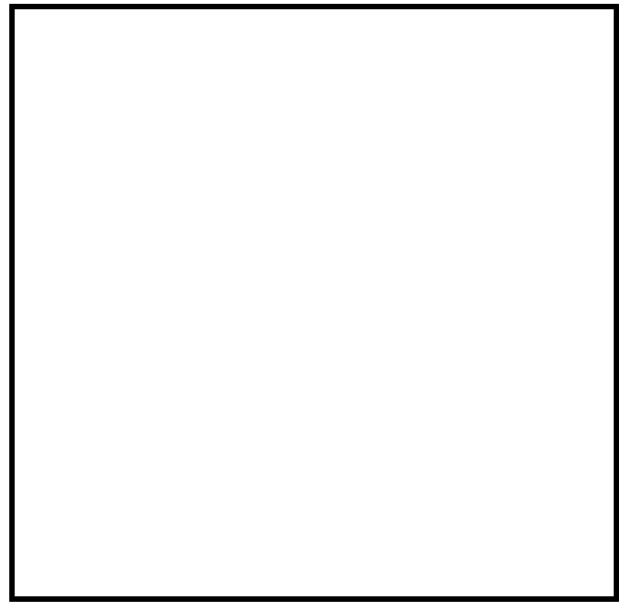
Artist Study

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Artist Fun Facts: _____



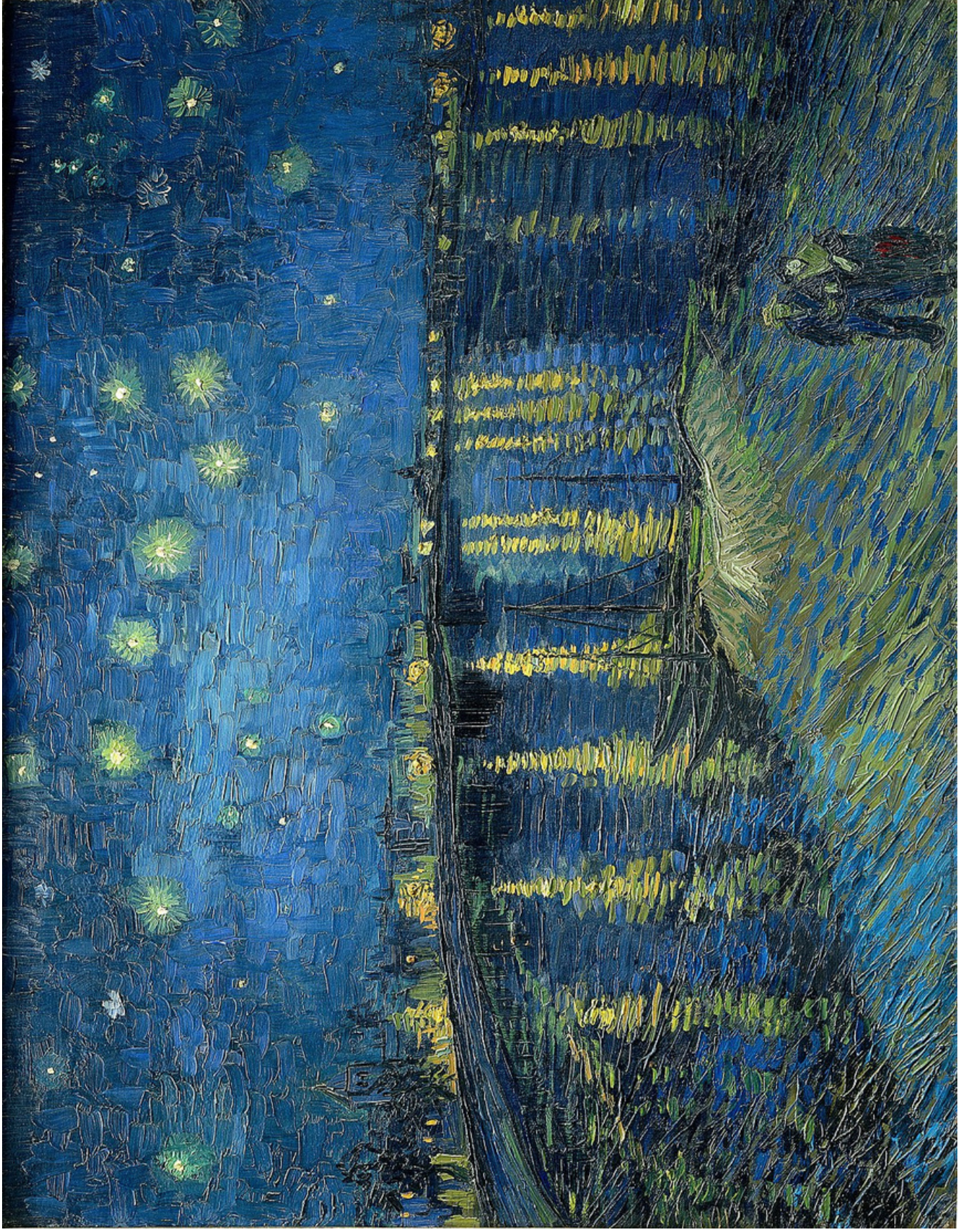
Art Mediums Used: _____

Famous Artworks: _____

Further Study:



The Starry Night, 1889



Starry Night Over the Rhône, 1888



Wheat Field with Cypresses, 1889



Still Life: Vase with Fourteen Sunflowers, 1888

Picture Study

Title: _____

Date Created: _____

Art Mediums Used: _____

Further Study: _____

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