

Famous Artists

KS2 Art · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Which artist is known for thick, swirling brushstrokes like in 'Starry Night'?

Step 1 · Think about which artist painted this famous swirling night sky

Vincent van Gogh

Answer: Vincent van Gogh

Check: His thick, textured paint style is called 'impasto'.

2. Now try one with the steps

Why did Picasso paint faces broken into geometric shapes instead of realistically?

Step 1 · Think about what Cubism was trying to show

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Which artist painted 'Starry Night'?

2. Which art movement is Claude Monet associated with?

3. Which artist is known for breaking faces into geometric shapes?

4. Which artist made bright, repeated pop-art images of everyday objects like soup cans?

5. Explain what makes 'Impressionist' paintings different from very realistic, detailed paintings.

6. Why might studying different famous artists help you develop your own art style?

4. Before you hand it in

Assuming an unrealistic-looking painting (like Cubism) means the artist lacked skill.

Look at an artist's other work before judging their skill from one unusual style.

Mixing up different art movements and their key artists.

Learn one clear, memorable fact linking each artist to their movement's style.