

TERM 3 : WEEK 6

Picture Study Lesson

Review:

Ask your children if they can remember the name of the artist we are studying this term and the name of the painting studied last week.

Lesson Setup:

Over the ten short years of van Gogh's art career, he painted almost 900 paintings and a further 1100 works on paper and in all that time, he only sold one painting. He spent most of his adult life in poverty and ill health from bad eating and drinking habits and overwork. His mental health was also poor with frequent hallucinations and delusions resulting in him being in and out of hospital.

Picture Study:

Children to closely study the painting *Self-Portrait as a Painter* on page 41 for about 3 minutes. Then take the painting away.

Narration:

Ask your children to describe what they saw in the painting. Ask them what story they think the artist was trying to tell.

Discussion:

Place the painting in front of your children again. Explain that the name of the painting is *Self-Portrait as a Painter*. It was completed in 1888 and was van Gogh's last artwork in Paris after getting tired of city life and the cold climate. It is an oil painting on canvas measuring 65cm X 50cm.

Ask your children if they have anything further they want to share or discuss about the painting.

TERM 3 : WEEK 7

Picture Study Lesson

Review:

Ask your children if they can remember the name of the artist we are studying this term and the name of the painting studied last week.

Lesson Setup:

Today we are going to study the *Self-Portrait as a Painter* painting again and draw its main lines. Van Gogh painted a total of 35 self-portraits in his lifetime.

Picture Study:

Children to closely study the painting of *Self-Portrait as a Painter* again for a few minutes. Ask them how the painting shows van Gogh was tired and worn out.

Draw main lines:

Ask children to draw the main lines of the painting with pencil and paper.

Between the Lines Picture Study Sample Lesson

Self-Portrait as a Painter, by Vincent van Gogh (1888)



Image Source: <https://www.artsy.net/artwork/vincent-van-gogh-self-portrait-as-a-painter>