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## INTRODUCTION

# Vincent van Gogh - The Starry Night

The Starry Night is one of the most famous paintings by artist Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890). The painting looks as if van Gogh painted it under the open sky. Or perhaps it's the view from van Gogh's sickroom window while he was in the sanatorium, where he was when he painted The Starry Night. No- rather it's a freely imagined picture, made up of bits and pieces of the artist's memories.



The picturesque village is reminiscent of van Gogh's Dutch homeland, while the somber cypress tree and the colorful night sky reflect a landscape in southern France, where van Gogh lived for a time. The mountain ranges in the background are also imagined.

On the left, a cypress tree rises into the sky like the tongue of a flame. The moon and stars are painted in dazzling white and yellow with wild brushstrokes. All of these peculiar images reveal a lot about van Gogh's state of mind when he painted this picture.

Van Gogh painted The Starry Night in 1889 during the most difficult period of his life. He suffered from severe depression and painted as if possessed with self-destruction.

Van Gogh was a trailblazer who had a decisive influence on modernism with his tremendous works. Part of the tragedy of his life is that his art was rejected by his contemporaries- he only sold two paintings during his lifetime.

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