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Go van Gogh!



Objectives

In this activity, students will

- be introduced to the life and work of Vincent van Gogh.
- review the concept that artists have certain styles to their paintings.
- review what warm and cool colors are.

Technology required

- Internet connection

Materials needed

- copies of *Art History Appreciation Lesson* (page 35) for the students
- copies of pictures by Vincent van Gogh
- books about Vincent van Gogh

Description

Read a book about van Gogh (like *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists—van Gogh* by Mike Venezia) and look at posters and/or calendar pictures of van Gogh's artwork.

Demonstrate how to access the *WebMuseum, Paris* Web site through the *Teacher Created Resources* Web site for this book:

Go to **<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/3032>**

Click on Page 35, Site 1

Introduce the students to the *WebMuseum, Paris* site on van Gogh and go over the questions on the *Art History Appreciation Lesson* (page 35) activity page. The students can then work on the computers independently and turn in their answer sheets when completed.

Extension

Have the students complete research on other artists. They can then compare the work of those painters with Vincent van Gogh's work.

Name _____

Art History Appreciation Lesson



Directions: Read the *WebMuseum, Paris* Web site to answer the following questions. Begin by accessing the *WebMuseum* Web site:

Go to <http://www.teachercreated.com/books/3032>

Click on Page 35, Site 1

1. Click on the two subject matter areas (i.e., portraits, irises, other landscapes) to view more pictures. Which two areas did you choose and why did you choose those two areas?

2. Click on two paintings to make them larger and observe van Gogh's style. What are two things that make van Gogh's paintings different from other paintings you have seen?

3. Look at the colors in van Gogh's paintings. Find two pictures—one with warm color dominance and one that is mainly in cool colors. Which paintings did you choose?

- warm color dominance _____
- cool color dominance _____

4. What is your favorite work of art by Vincent van Gogh?

5. What is one new piece of information you learned about Vincent van Gogh from this site?
