

# FINDING

# Vincent



A Virtual Scavenger Hunt  
through the  
Van Gogh Museum



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## Biography:

Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) was a 19th century, Post-Impressionist artist who lived a productive, but troubled, life. His father and grandfather were ministers while other members of his family worked in the art world, including his younger brother, Theo. Vincent was born in The Netherlands, but spent the last few years of his life in France. While in France, Vincent experimented with brighter colors and his brushwork became more fluid and expressionistic.

One of Vincent's main goals with his art was to capture the power and intensity of different emotions in the gestures he painted and the colors he used. Vincent created hundreds of paintings over the course of his life and many can be found in the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

## Getting Started/How to Navigate:

1. To start your virtual tour of the Van Gogh Museum, visit Google Arts & Culture or click the following link:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum>

2. Virtual Tours of each floor can be found at the bottom of the page

3. To move around the galleries

a. Computer: Click and drag your cursor across the screen using a mouse or trackpad

b. Touch Screen/Smartphone: Tap and move your fingers across the screen

4. To zoom in/out: click the plus/minus button on the right-hand side of the screen

5. To go to a different floor: click the number on the right-hand side (Service Area, 0 – 3)

# Scavenger Hunt Questions:

## GROUND FLOOR

1. In the "Face to Face with Van Gogh" gallery, there are 13 portraits of Vincent van Gogh. Can you find the portrait he did not create? Who is the artist that painted it?

Hint: Look for the painting that shows the artist's hand

2. What is something that all the Van Gogh portraits have in common?

Hint: It is red and on his face!

3. One of these portraits are not like the others. Can you find the self-portrait of the artist with an easel and painter's palette? In what year was it created?

Hint: Look at the wall label next to the painting!

## FIRST FLOOR

4. What time does the family in the Potato Eaters (1885) sit down to eat their meal?

Hint: look for the clock!

5. In the "Artistic Flourishing" gallery, what is the subject matter of the three paintings with white frames?

6. How many sunflowers did Vincent paint in the large Sunflowers (1889) painting?

7. There are two drawings in the gallery, "Painter of Peasant Life." What is the subject of the drawing on the left?

8. There are three paintings on the "Dreaming of Japan" wall. What are the people doing in the painting on the far right?

## SECOND FLOOR

9. In his Letter to Theo, (Arles, 29.9.1888), Van Gogh sent his brother a drawing of a street scene he was planning to paint. What is the title of the painting?

Hint: the painting is in the same room as the drawing!

10. In the small side-by-side portraits Van Gogh painted of himself and his brother Theo, they both are shown wearing hats. What color is Theo's hat? What color is Vincent's?

Hint: the paintings are in a narrow hallway, near a large wooden cabinet

11. Many of Van Gogh's friends painted pictures of each other. One of his friends, Paul Gauguin, painted a picture of Van Gogh. What is he doing in the painting?

Hint: This painting can be found on a pedestal, in a glass box!

## THIRD FLOOR

12. What color is the sky in the painting, Landscape of Twilight, 1890?

Hint: Look for this painting in the "Impassioned Nature" gallery

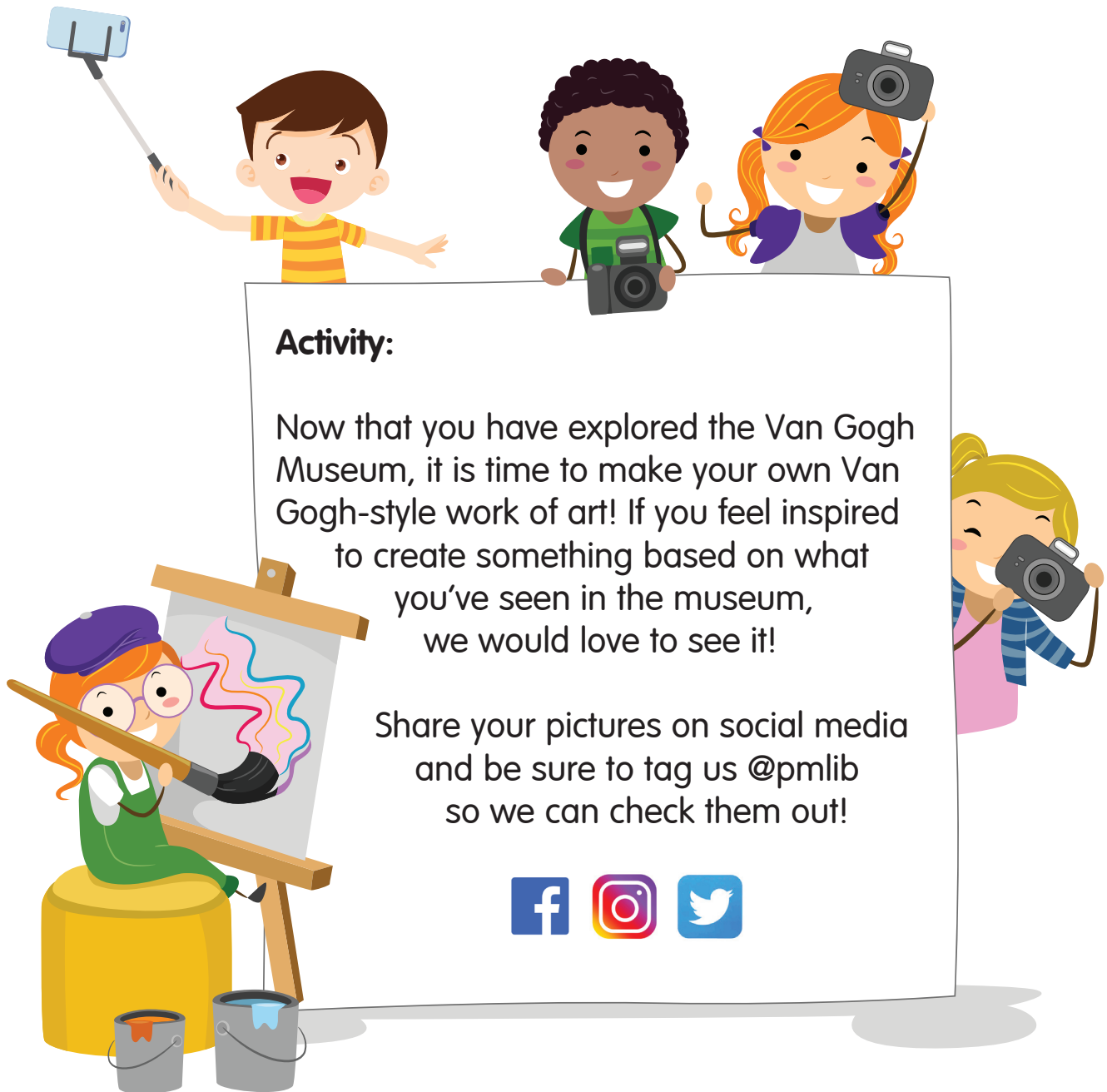
13. How many people can be found in the painting, Garden of the Asylum, 1889?

Hint: Look for this painting in the "Painting Against All Odds" gallery

14. In the painting Wheatfield with Reaper, Van Gogh paints a farmer harvesting his crops. What color is his clothing?

15. Can you find the large still-life painting of flowers with a yellow background? What kind of flower did Van Gogh paint?

Hint: the flowers are purple!



### Activity:

Now that you have explored the Van Gogh Museum, it is time to make your own Van Gogh-style work of art! If you feel inspired to create something based on what you've seen in the museum, we would love to see it!

Share your pictures on social media and be sure to tag us @pmlib so we can check them out!



- 15. Irises
- 14. Blue
- 13. Three
- 12. Yellow

THIRD FLOOR

- 11. Painting sunflowers
- 10. Theo's hat is yellow and Vincent's hat is white
- 9. The Yellow House (The Street)

SECOND FLOOR

- 8. Walking on a bridge in the rain
- 7. A sitting woman
- 6. 15
- 5. Pink Orchard, Pink Peach Tree, White Orchard
- 4. 7:00pm

FIRST FLOOR

- 3. 1886
- 2. Red facial hair/beard
- 1. John Peter Russell (1858 – 1930)

GROUND FLOOR

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