



A Portrait of Vincent Van Gogh

A video biography from the Biography Channel

Directions: As you watch the video about the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh, answer the following questions:

1. When did Vincent achieve fame? Before, during or after his lifetime?
A. _____
2. What nationality was Vincent?
B. _____
3. Who taught Vincent how to draw?
C. _____
4. Although always melancholic (depressed/moody), Vincent first showed signs of severe mental disturbances after what event? (HINT: Vincent was 20 years old.)
D. _____
5. After being fired from the art dealership at age 23, what job/career did Vincent pursue?
E. _____
6. What nickname was given to Vincent from the parishioners in the coal-mining village?
F. _____
7. What event leads Vincent to become an artist? (He was 27 years old.)
G. _____
8. Vincent became attached to a woman he called, Sien. He lived with her and her children. Vincent's family disliked Sien, threatening to cut Vincent off financially if he didn't leave her. Why?
H. _____
9. For what reason does Vincent move to Arles?
I. _____
10. Upon what did Vincent subsist (eat and drink) while living in the little yellow house in Arles?
J. _____



11. Although Paul Gauguin was a friend of Vincent's, why did Theo pay Gauguin to live with Vincent in the little yellow house in Arles?

K. _____

12. What event precipitated (caused/occurred prior to) Vincent cutting off part of his ear and giving it to a prostitute named Rachel?

L. _____

13. How old was Vincent when he cut off his ear?

M. _____

14. After being hospitalized for anxiety, depression, paranoia, physical emaciation, and erratic behavior, Theo arranged for Vincent to be transferred to an asylum in Saint Remy. Theo was able to get Vincent two rooms. For what purpose did Vincent use each room?

N. _____

15. Why was Vincent allowed to continue creating art while in the hospital?

O. _____

16. After whom did Theo and his wife, Johanna, name their son?

P. _____

17. By 1890, Theo had thought his brother was recovered and spoke to him about financial worries. Anxious about thinking he was a burden to Theo, what did Vincent do on July 27, 1890?

Q. _____

18. When did Vincent die?

R. _____

19. When did Theo die?

S. _____

20. Although much of his artwork was lost, destroyed, or thrown away, who collected all that could be found after Vincent died?

T. _____