

ARTISTS IN FOCUS



Vincent Van Gogh IMPASTO PIONEER elementary activity sheet

MAKE YOUR OWN IMPASTO PAINT

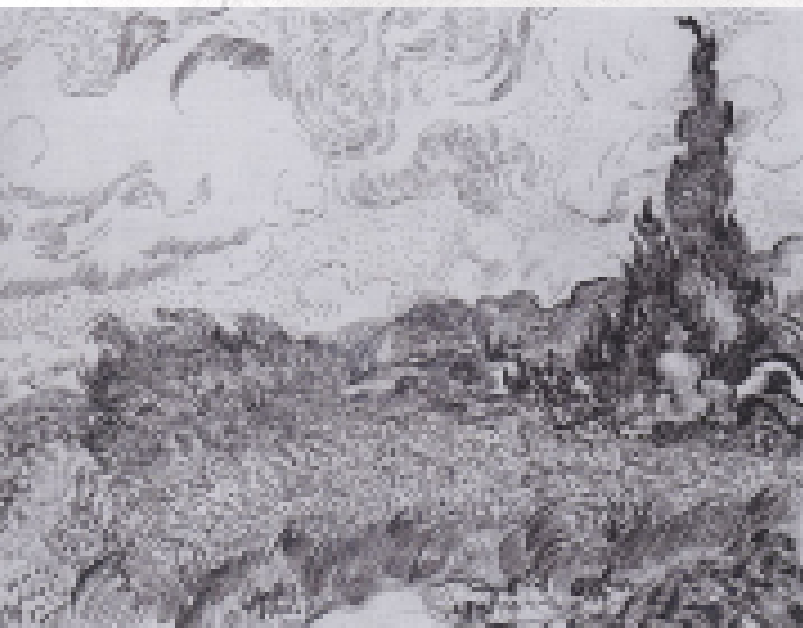
RECIPE

Note: This recipe is used to make one impasto paint color at a time; so you will need to create a separate batch for each individual paint color desired.

- 1/4 cup baking soda/baby powder
- 2 Tablespoons of paint (acrylic or tempera)
- 1 Tablespoon of Elmer's glue

Combine all the ingredients in a glass jar or Styrofoam bowl and mix well. We suggest the following colors: yellow, orange, green, blue, and brown. Store your impasto paint in mason jars with a tight lid.

Using your impasto paint: Draw a landscape on a canvas board. Keep it simple. Next, use your impasto paint to paint your landscape. Before your paint dries, use a toothpick, fork, or other tools you may have around your house to create lines in your paint such as swirls, horizontal, vertical, and/or diagonals.



Wheat Field with Cypresses drawing



Wheat Field with Cypresses painting, 1889

WRITE A BEDROOM POEM



Bedroom in Arles, 1888

Use the following format to create a descriptive poem about your bedroom. This five-line poem is called a **cinquain**.

Line 1: Title (noun) – 1 word

Line 2: Use descriptive words – 2 words

Line 3: Use action words – 3 words

Line 4: Create a feeling phrase – 4 words

Line 5: Synonym of your title – 1 word

For more detail on how to write a **cinquain** click on the picture.

Once you've finished writing, illustrate your poem by drawing a picture of your bedroom.

BECOME A COLLECTOR



Van Gogh was fascinated with Japanese woodblock prints. He collected over 600 of them. He said they made him “much happier and more cheerful.” Not only did they make him happier but they also became an inspirational source for his paintings.

You can learn more about his collection by clicking on the portrait.

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Starting a collection of your very own can be fun and educational. Here are some suggestions for things you might consider collecting. Collect things from nature: rocks, shells, leaves, bugs, etc. Other ideas: US quarters, dolls, stamps, maps, postcards, buttons/pins, State Park stamps/patches, souvenir pennies, etc.

To learn more about how to collect these special objects, click on the words below:

[COINS](#)

[ROCKS](#)

[STAMPS](#)



What do you do once you've become a collector?

- Become an expert. Read books and learn all you can about your collection.
- Display your collection.
- Reflect on your collection. What do you like about it? Which part of your collection is your favorite? Why? Which is your least favorite? Why?

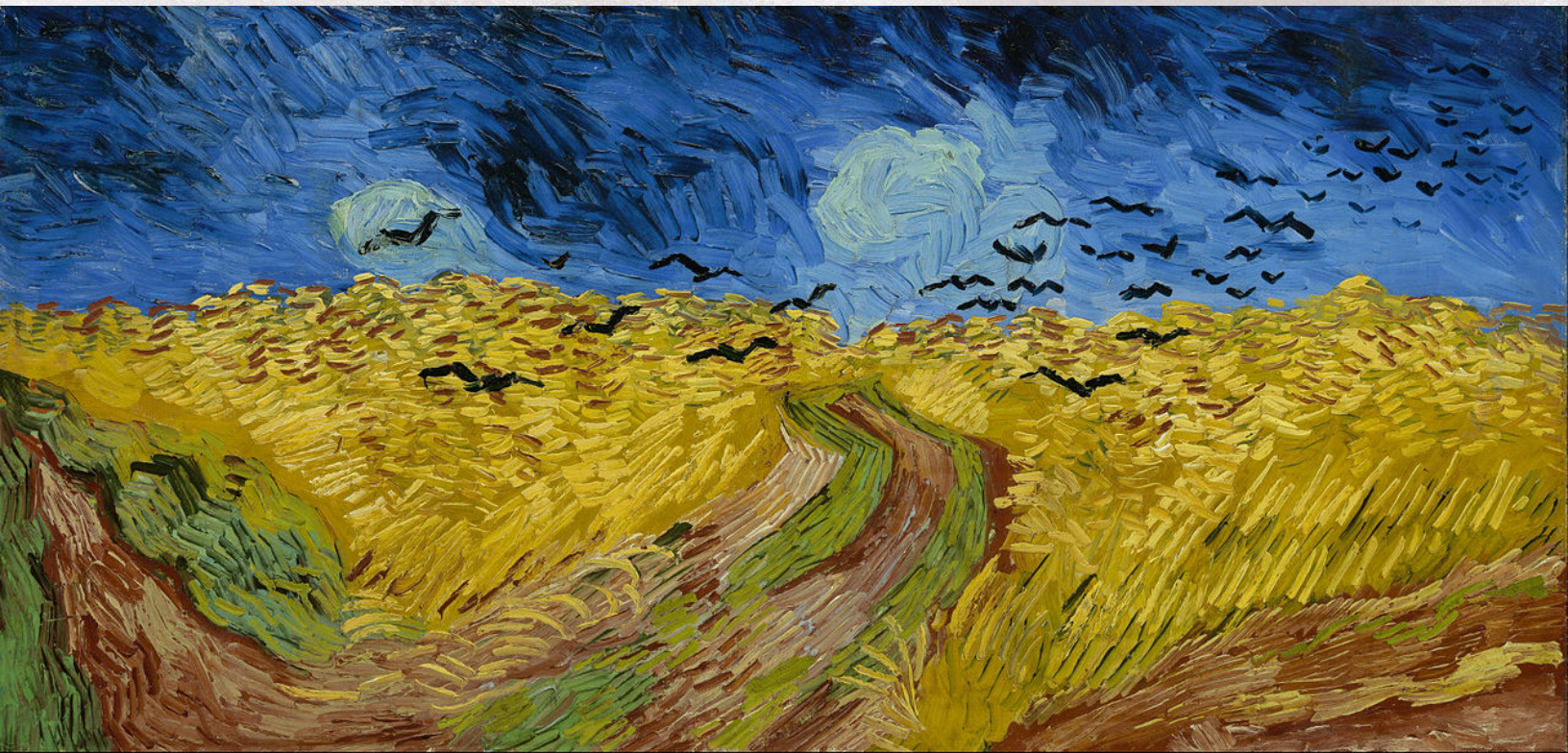
MAKE A MEAL OF POTATOES



The Potato Eaters, 1885

In the small community of Nuenen (in the Netherlands), the hardworking peasants both grew and ate potatoes. With the help of someone in your family, make a dish of Baby Dutch Potatoes. Click on the picture to get the recipe.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER READING



Wheatfield with Crows, 1890

Van Gogh and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt

What's so Great About van Gogh? By Max Tanner

Note to Parents:

While Vincent van Gogh was a talented artist, he struggled with mental health for much of his adult life. The above books are written for children; however we suggest you read these books first to determine if they are appropriate for your child.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Create! summer art day camp

- Registration opens this month at <https://www.bjumg.org/kids-create/>
- June 1-5, June 15-19, June 22-26

Elements of Art: *For first time kindergartners or rising 1st graders*

If you have a K5 child that doesn't want to miss out on fun with art, then bring your beginner to M&G for a special kindergarten camp focused on the Elements of Art. Your child will enjoy multiple art projects, age appropriate lessons, interactive games, and snacks while learning about line, shape, color, and texture. This 5-day morning camp will keep your young starter so engaged in fun, he won't even know he's learning!

Note: K5 campers must turn 5 years old by September 1, 2020

Pigments of the Past: *1st–6th grade (ages 6-12)*

What is paint made of? Who invented the paintbrush? How has art changed over the centuries? Traveling through time, campers will peek into the lives of four historical artists—the postdiluvian man, a Chinese painter of the Song Dynasty, a fifteenth-century monk, and a twentieth-century color field pioneer. M&G's summer art day camp is packed with artistic discoveries, snacks, new friends, and a chance to meet local artisans. This 5-day morning camp concludes with a special art exhibition and reception for the young artists to showcase their creative work for friends and family.

Educational Mission Statement

Through tours, events, and publications, the Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University seeks to partner with educators in fulfilling all of the National Visual Arts Content Standards. By integrating art into the core curriculum, students learn to value the arts, to communicate through the arts, and to become creative problem solvers. M&G's individual STEAM lessons and fully-developed unit plans are designed to help students better understand history and culture in light of the arts, to improve their literary interest and understanding through visual storytelling, to hone their aesthetic perceptions and to enrich their analytical skills. Through this mission, M&G is privileged to inspire educators in the task of developing a community of citizens who have the ability to think, feel, and understand the world in which they live.