

Vincent van Gogh

“Starry Night”

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Intro:

Play first portion of song “Starry Starry Night” as children assemble on rug.

Greet children and reintroduce myself

Briefly review last month’s artist – Renoir and Girl with a Watering Can

Impressionist painter

Type of brush strokes

Explain to children that the song has to do with this month’s artist

Introduce Vincent Van Gogh as the artist they are going to learn about.

Show name and have children practice saying it using 4 claps

Biography:

Lived more than 150 years ago; Born in Netherlands (relate to Renoir living in France)

Had a brother Theo and 3 sisters

Never married

Not famous when alive

Was a minister for a while but preferred painting

Expressionism:

Introduce term “expression” have children display various expressions – happy, sad, angry

Van Gogh expressed his feelings in his paintings

Used lots of color

Play first portion of song again.

The Starry Night:

Reveal painting

What do you see? 11 stars, moon, swirly things, village, tree

Do you think it is day or night? Why

How do you think Van Gogh was feeling? – happy, sad, etc

Activity:

Purpose – to create individual starry nights

Show sample; encourage creativity just like last month

Hand out bags of supplies; Provide construction paper and chalk for each table

Follow up:

Leave coloring book page to be discussed and colored at some other time



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