

Van Gogh Flowers

Funds 1 + 2



OBJECTIVE:

Students will use the world around them as well as master artist, Vincent van Gogh as inspiration to create a flower art work.

Research / Practice

- Look up artist, Vincent van Gogh online—specifically look at his many many paintings of flowers (irises, sunflowers, fields of flowers, vases of flowers). Choose a favorite or two. If you can't get access to the internet, I have provided a few images on this assignment sheet.
- In your sketchbooks, redraw van Gogh's flowers that were your favorites. This will hopefully help you to see how loose and free his paintings were. It will also help you to continue understanding composition in art.
- Next, go outside and look at real flowers! Take a walk and bring your sketchbook and pencils. Draw flowers that you see and love. Or maybe you have flowers at home—draw them!

Create / Learn

PROJECT 1

Choose your one favorite van Gogh flower painting and redraw it on Bristol (or similar paper). You have flexibility and some freedom here, so don't stress. You can redraw the van Gogh flower image exactly as he did it or you can make some adjustments to it—add your own flair. Just have some fun!

PROJECT 2

Now choose one of your outdoor walk drawings from your sketchbook and redraw that one on Bristol (or similar paper).

SUPPLIES Bristol, sketchbooks, pencil, oil pastels/paint/marker/colored pencil (you choose, but oil pastel is the choice if you have them at home)

THINGS TO CONSIDER observational drawing, composition, color, mark-making (van Gogh is known for his chunky paintings with a lot of texture)

***Did you know van Gogh's birthday was March 30 and if he was still alive he would've been 167! Another fun fact: this year on his birthday, one of his paintings was stolen from a museum in the Netherlands!

Work can be emailed to Ms. Hart at: melliehart@gmail.com

BONUS

Open the link below and read the article about the recently stolen van Gogh painting. Then write a little summary of what happened. Make sure to include your thoughts on this: why would someone steal a famous painting? How difficult would it be to steal a painting from a major museum? What do you think the thieves will do with the painting?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/30/arts/design/van-gogh-painting-stolen.html>

See below for more van Gogh flower images

