

# Artsmark Ambassador application

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# Who is the artist of this painting?

The artist of this painting is Vincent Van Gogh and he has done many pieces of artwork in all his time as a famous artist. Most of them are extremely popular but this one in particular - Starry Night - is his most popular one of all.



# What technique did van Gogh use?

“Within the painting, Van Gogh uses a contrast in lines to show depth, as he painted the city with calm straight lines and the sky in chaotic swirls. In addition, the town’s solid linear lines are meant to show that it is quiet and without movement, it is asleep. While on the other side of the spectrum is the sky full of languid lines that swirl because the painter wants the viewer to feel how alive the sky is. The underlying landscape is uniform other than the cypresses in the foreground. It is separate from the city and contains moving lines that create an almost flame-like shape. It is the only object in the painting that is more a part of the night sky than the background of the city. The combination of the impasto technique and the varying line structure gives viewers the impression that the painting is moving, thus capturing the life Van Gogh sees in the night sky.”

*I found this information at <http://vangoghsstarrynightanalysis.weebly.com/description-and-technique-used-in-starry-night.html>*

# Why I chose this painting

I chose this painting because of the way the technique the artist (Vincent Van Gogh) used to make it look like the painting is coming to life and the colours he used are beautiful. The painting makes you want to see more of his work and how he creates all his master pieces.

I think it links to “new beginnings” because stars make you think of twinkly dreams and they can be about new things happening. Also a night always leads to a new day.

# Facts

- Between November 1881 and July 1890, Vincent van Gogh painted almost 900 paintings.
- Van Gogh's paintings have captured the minds and hearts of millions of art lovers and have made art lovers of those new to world of art.

*I found this information from  
[www.vangoghgallery.com/painting/](http://www.vangoghgallery.com/painting/)*

# Similar paintings Vincent Van Gogh has done



Starry Night over the Rhone



Self Portrait with Straw Hat



The Sunflowers

# Do I like this painting?



I like this painting because it really shows what a starry night can be like if you see one out your window and realise how beautiful it is.

# Will I do paintings like this in my time as an artist?

I hope to do paintings like his as he has really inspired me to do more artwork just like this.

I now know how to make a much bigger improvement in my paintings and other work.