

The Mona Lisa is one of the most famous paintings in the world. It was created by world-famous Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci. It was painted around 1503. It is a portrait of the wife of a rich Merchant who lived in Florence, Italy. Her name was More than 30 layers of paint have been used on the painting and some of them are thinner than a human hair. This painting is worth around \$782 million.

#### Quick Facts:

- The subject of the painting has no visible eyebrows or eyelashes. It is believed that they gradually disappeared over time or because of cleaning.
- This painting shows the most famous smile in the world.
- Mona Lisa is an English title that has been derived from the Italian word "Mona" which is a short form of the phrase "ma doona".
- Mona or Ma doona means "My Lady".
- Another name for the Mona Lisa in Italian is La Gioconda and in French is La Joconde which means happy.
- The Mona Lisa painting is around 500 years old.
- It took around four years to paint Mona Lisa.
- Mona Lisa is owned by the French government and is put on display at Louvre Museum.
- In 2022, an old man went to the museum and smeared cake all over the Mona Lisa. The painting was not damaged because it is protected by a bulletproof glass. The man said he wanted to attract people's attention to 'the climate change'.

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### Questions:

- 1. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 2. Who is the subject of this painting?
- 3. How old is this painting?
- 4. Where is it kept?
- 5. How long did it take to paint the Mona Lisa?
- 6. What does Mona mean?
- 7. What are the other names for this painting?

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Girl with a Pearl Eaving



The Girl with a Pearl Earring depicts a young woman in a dark space. She wears a blue and gold turban, the pearl earring, and a gold jacket with a white collar. It was painted by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer.

Some people believe that the girl in the painting is imaginary, whereas others believe that it is a real person. It is also said that she could be Vermeer's own daughter, Maria Vermeer.



### Quick Facts:

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- Nobody knows exactly when the painting was completed. However, some people estimate that it was painted in the year 1665.
- The original painting is quite small. It measures 44.5 by 39 centimeters.
- Some people call this painting 'The Mona Lisa of the North' or 'The Dutch Mona Lisa'.
- The work is kept in the Mauritshuis museum in the Netherlands.

### 1- Who painted The Girl with The Pearl Earring?

Johannes Vermeer

Leonardo da Vinci

Mona Lisa

Maria Vermeer



# 2- who is the girl in the painting?

Vermeer's mother

Vermeer's wife

Vermeer's daughter

Vermeer's sister

## 3- Where is it kept?

Louvre museum

Mauritshuis museum Sa'ad Abad museum

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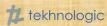
4- What are the measurements of this work?

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43 by 34

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5- What are other names for this painting?

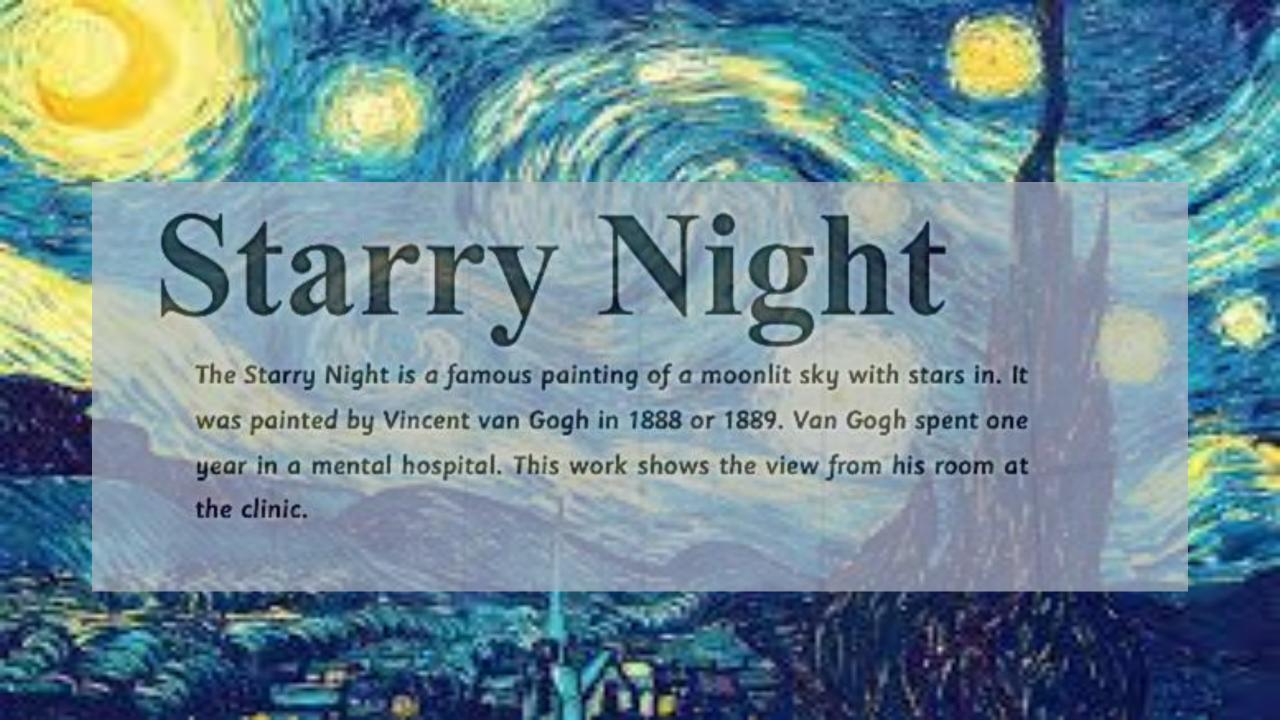
The Mona Lisa of the North

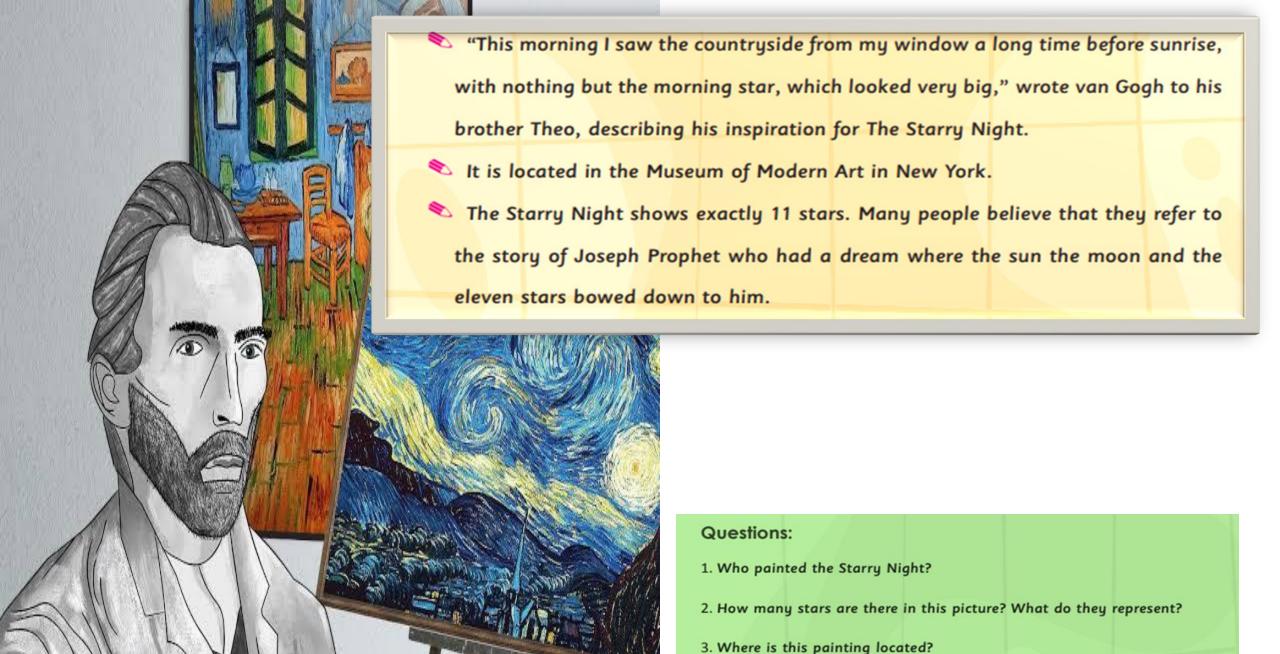
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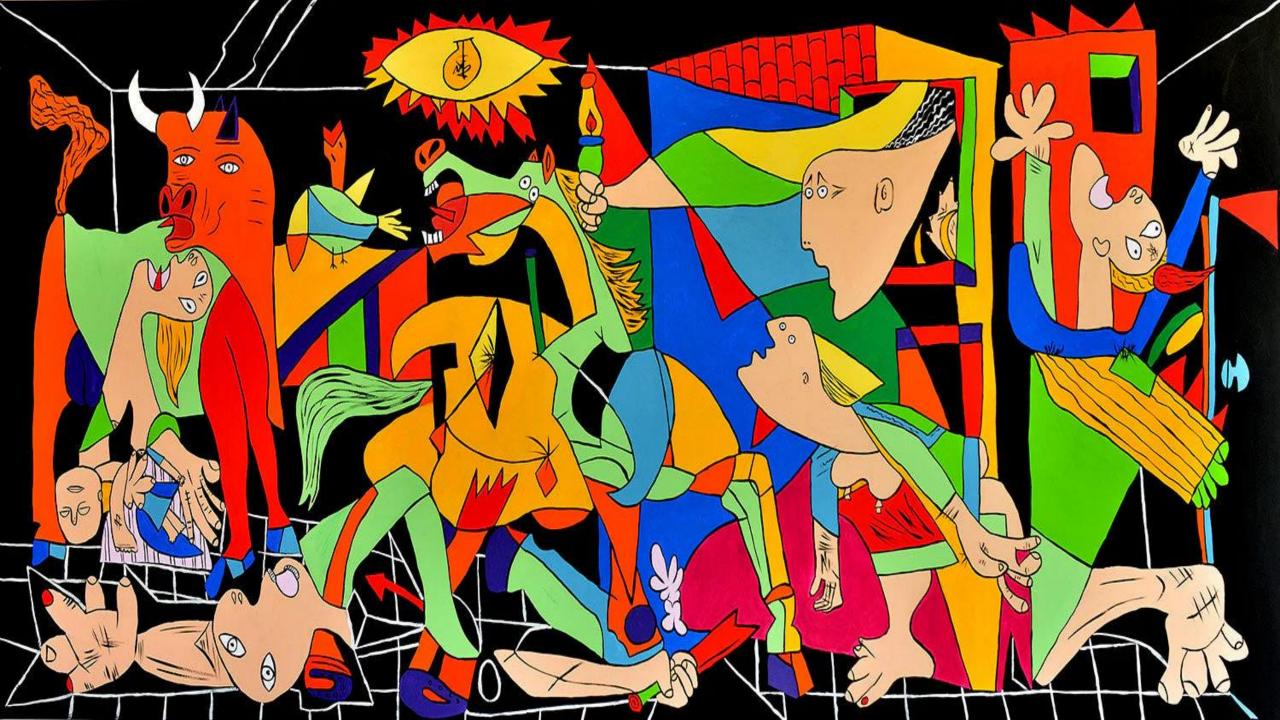
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Guernica is a worldfamous painting by
Spanish artist Pablo
Picasso in 1937. It is one
of the world's greatest
anti-war paintings. It is
a very large painting (a
mural) which shows the
bombing of the Spanish
city of Guernica in 1937
during the Spanish War.
It shows how people,
as well as animals, all
suffer because of the
tragedies of war.



#### Quick Facts:

- The Guernica is blue, black and white, 3.5 metre tall and 7.8 metre wide.
- There are some hidden images in the painting. If you look closely at the horse's teeth and nostril, you can see a skull.

  Alse, a bull is formed from the bent leg of the horse.
- The painting is exhibited in Museo Reina Sofía in Madrid, Spain.



The Guernica

By Pablo Picasso

