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Vincent van Gogh

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1853 - 1891



- 1853 Vincent Willem is born in Zundert, south of Holland, eldest son of Reverend Theodorus van Gogh and Anna Caornelia. (There were previous infant mortalities, the name "Vincent").
- 1857 Brother Theodorus is born.
- 1866 Vincent enters grammar school in Tilburg.
- 1869 Begins work as apprentice at Goupil & Co, art dealers, The Hague.
- 1873 Transferred to Goupil's London branch.
- 1875 Transferred to Goupil's Paris branch, main gallery.
- 1876 Dismissed; goes to England, works as teacher, preacher.
- 1877 Returns to Holland, works in bookstore, enters Theological Seminary.
- 1878 Enrolls in 3 months course for Evangelists, Brussels.
- 1879 Works 2 years as Evangelist in the Borinage.
- 1880 Decision to become an artist; moves to Brussels.
- 1881 Lives with his family; falls in love with cousin Kee Vos.
- 1882 Moves to The Hague; Sien Hoornik his mistress.
- 1885 His father dies; Vincent to Antwerp.
- 1886 Works at Royal Academy of Fine Arts; moves to Paris.
- 1887 Lives with brother Theo, meets Signac, Gauguin.
- 1888 Arles, his own studio, the Yellow House; Gauguin lives there; Vincent interned in Arles hospital.
- 1889 Theo marries; Vincent enters mental asylum in Saint-Remy.
- 1890 Vincent Willem born to Theo; Vincent van Gogh commits suicide, 37.
- 1891 Theo dies.

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