

# Activity Idea

## Van Gogh

*Recommended for Adults*

Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) was a Dutch painter, best known for his post-Impressionist paintings. He was brought up religious, as his father was a pastor, and he himself worked as a preacher for a brief time in Belgium. After being dismissed from his role as an evangelist in Belgium, he devoted his life to art. When he discovered his passion and talent for art, he used it to paint scenes of the poor and dispossessed. His slightly exaggerated style and use of somber-toned colors in his early works are most famously seen in his masterpiece *The Potato Eaters* (1885). Between the years of 1880 to 1890, van Gogh would move from Belgium to France where he would paint and experiment with style and color. However, his later years were wrought with tragedy. Due to his poor mental health, he was prone to violent outbursts, hallucinations, and seizures, which led him to admit himself to an asylum in St. Remy, France in 1889. While in the asylum, van Gogh would paint one of the most recognizable works in the world, *The Starry Night* (1889). Although he did not find success in life, his art would go on to be studied and enjoyed by millions and would serve as inspiration for countless artists after his death in 1890.

### Books

*Van Gogh* on Hoopla - [tinyurl.com/tqs3k5f](https://tinyurl.com/tqs3k5f)

*Vincent Van Gogh* on Hoopla - [tinyurl.com/stv4fmt](https://tinyurl.com/stv4fmt)

*Van Gogh Drawings* on Hoopla - [tinyurl.com/wmdeops](https://tinyurl.com/wmdeops)

### Films

*Van Gogh* on Kanopy - [tinyurl.com/skqx6mo](https://tinyurl.com/skqx6mo)

*Vincent Van Gogh: A Life Devoted to Art Part 1* on Kanopy - [tinyurl.com/suz5wwd](https://tinyurl.com/suz5wwd)

*Van Gogh's Ear* on Hoopla - [tinyurl.com/vyfxs4f](https://tinyurl.com/vyfxs4f)

### Take a Tour

Van Gogh Museum (virtual tour) - [tinyurl.com/wa8qcu8](https://tinyurl.com/wa8qcu8)

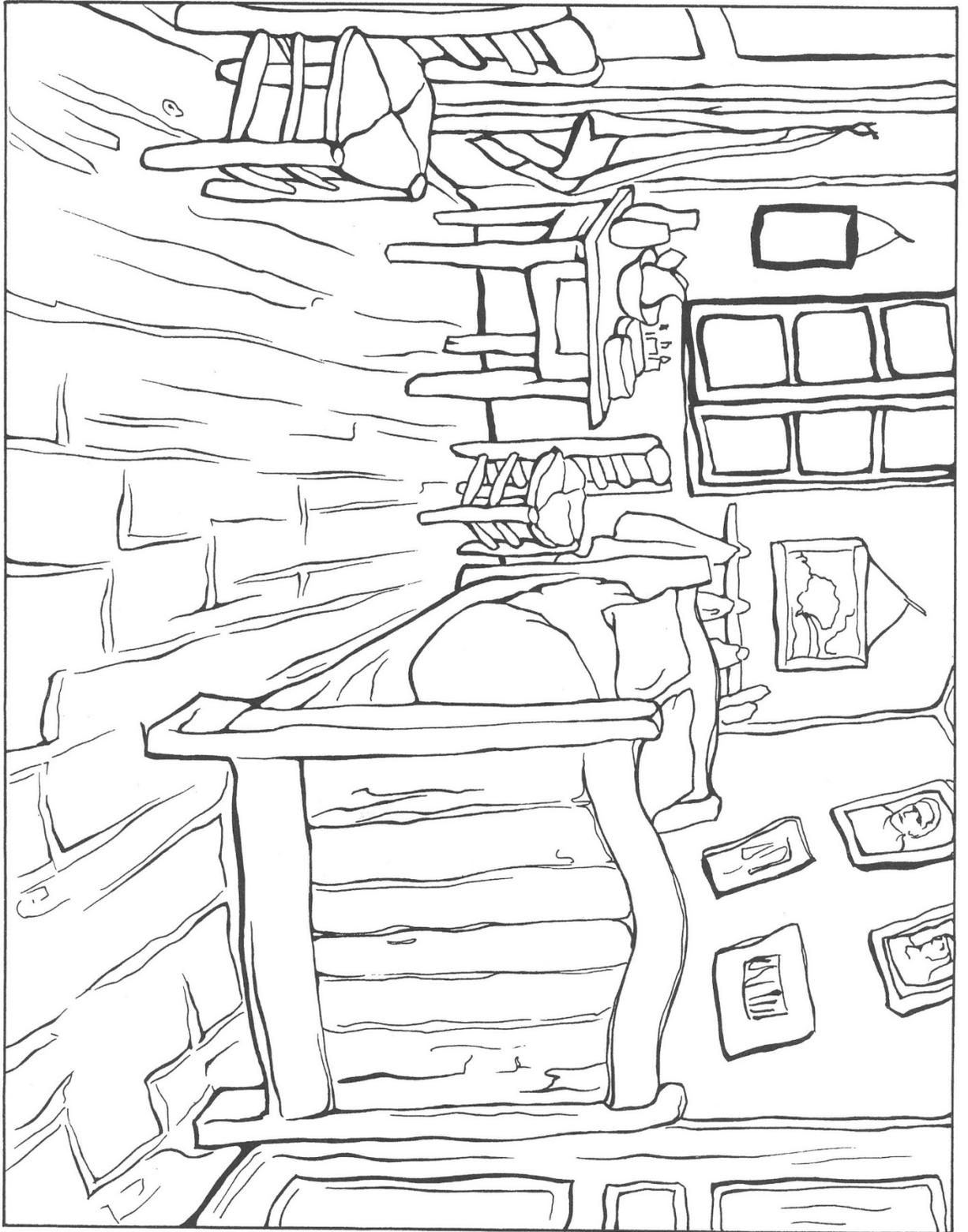
### Research

Vincent Van Gogh (Biography in Context/Gale) - [tinyurl.com/vpdneaa](https://tinyurl.com/vpdneaa)

Van Gogh Museum (the collection) - [tinyurl.com/hr6solc](https://tinyurl.com/hr6solc)

### Spark an Idea!

Create your own Van Gogh inspired masterpiece or color the picture on the next page.



18. Vincent van Gogh. *Van Gogh's Bedroom*, 1888.