

# ► EXPRESSIONISM



**Art Concept: Art as Reaction and Expression.** Artists often make things to express how they feel about something. Sometimes they draw what music "looks" like or what it looks like to feel happy or scared or angry or peaceful. Many times these pictures don't have to have "objects" in them. Artists may use shapes or colors or patterns to express these ideas.

**Expressionism:** as an artist movement, started in the early 1900's in Germany. These artists wanted to paint about emotions like anger, anxiety or peacefulness and meaning instead of reality. Each artist would have their own way of seeing and portraying emotions; often distorting or exaggerating figures or scenes. Artists like Vincent VanGogh had been doing the same thing however, it wasn't until this time that the movement gained a name. Expressionism uses simplified designs and brilliant colors to express a definite or strong mood or feeling.

## Sample Projects

- [Artists Paint Their Feelings \(1st Grade\)](#) art lesson.
- [Expressionism with Kandinsky's Circles \(1st Grade\)](#) art lesson.
- [Painting Emotions \(1st Grade\)](#) art lesson.
- [Guided Drawing: The Scream \(5th Grade\)](#) art lesson.

## Examples of Expressionist Art

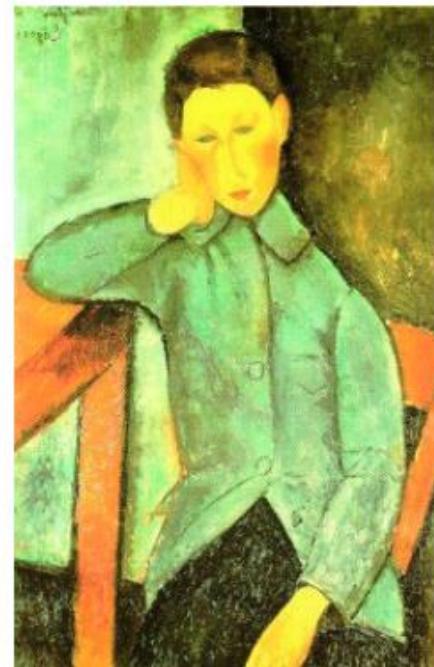


The Scream, Edvard Munch

This painting shows a man standing on a bridge. His hands are on his face and he is screaming. The sky behind him is red and swirling. The picture expresses the emotion of a person alone in their anguish and anxiety. Munch made four versions of this picture. One of them sold for over \$119 million in 2012.



Starry Night, Vincent Van Gogh



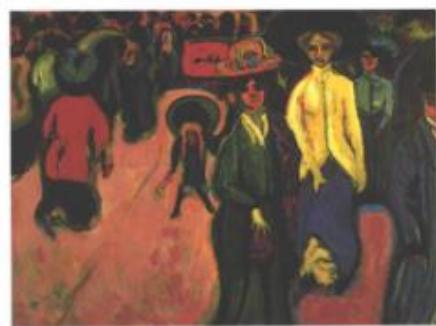
The Boy, Amedeo Modigliani



Composition 8, Wassily Kandinsky



Composition VII, Wassily Kandinsky



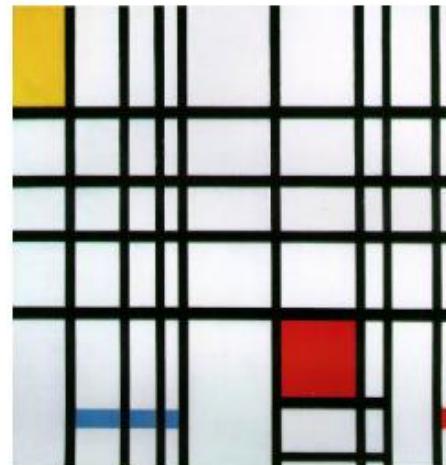
Street Dresden, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner



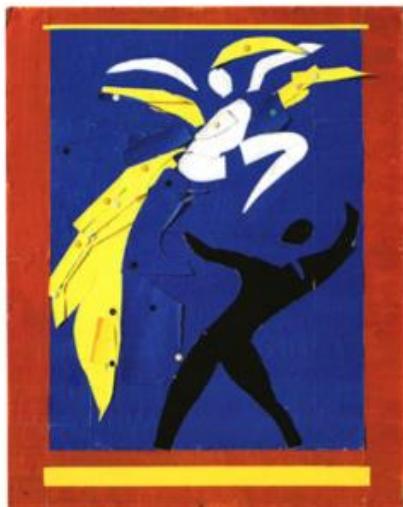
Happy Yellow Cow, Franz Marc



Fate of the Animals, Franz Marc



Composition with Red, Yellow and Blue, Piet Mondrian



Dance (Jazz), Henri Matisse



Madame Matisse, Henri Matisse