



## Vincent Van Gogh

In 1889, Vincent Van Gogh painted "The Starry Night." This painting combined the night time view from his hospital room with items from his home, the Netherlands. The end result was a mix of reality and Van Gogh's memory and imagination. What did Van Gogh include in this famous painting? Quite a bit! Beneath the swirling sky, stars, and moon is a small village. Look closely and you can see the tall **spires**, or steeples, of churches that were most likely similar to the ones in his Netherlands homeland. That large tree in the front left of the painting is called a cypress.