



Visual Art Virtual Learning

Art Explorations - Abstract Art


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Objective/Learning Target: We will learning about abstract art.

The background features a white canvas with several abstract elements. A large teal ring is in the top-left corner, with a smaller teal circle overlapping its bottom-right edge. A dashed teal line curves from the top-left towards the bottom-right. In the top-right, there is a large lime green circle and a smaller green circle overlapping its bottom-left edge, with a dashed green line around the smaller circle. A small teal dot is on the dashed teal line. In the bottom-left, there is a large green circle with a white dot in its center, a smaller lime green circle overlapping its top-left edge, and a small orange dot. A dashed yellow line circles the lime green circle. In the bottom-right, there is a large orange circle overlapping a yellow ring, and a small pink circle above it. A dashed blue line curves from the top-right towards the bottom-left.

What is Abstract Art?



Van Gogh's Starry Night



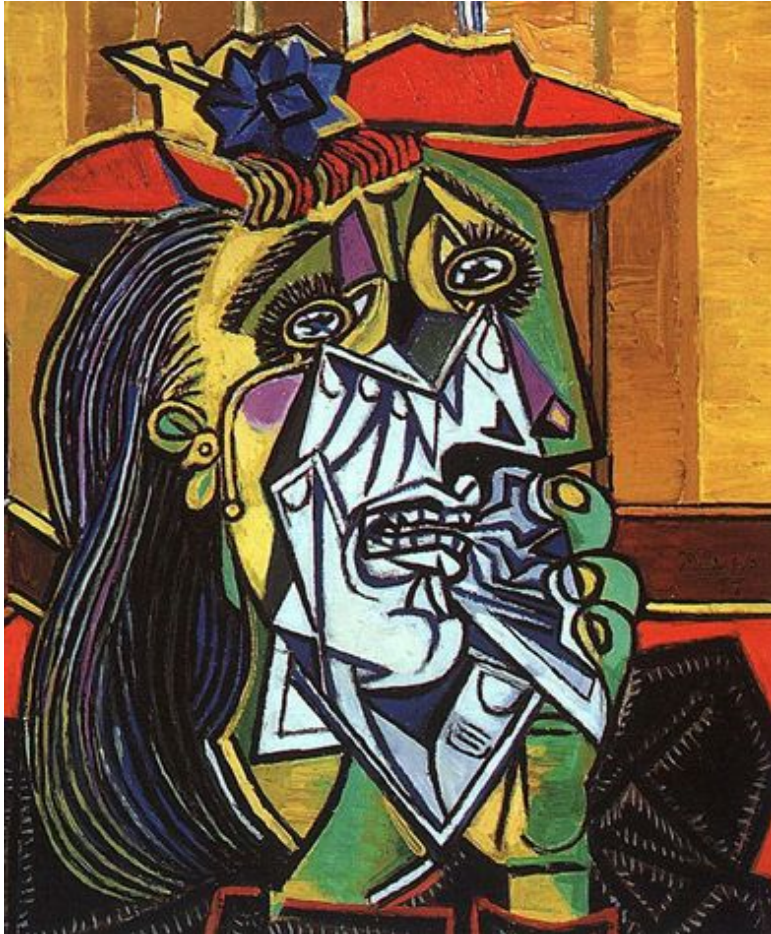
Seurat – 'La Grande Jatte'

Before abstract art was invented, most artists painted in a realistic style.

This began to change when artists such as Van Gogh and Seurat started to simplify their pictures.

Around 1900, a group of artists called the Fauvists, began to simplify their shapes, and change their colors even more.





Gradually, artists thought less about the subject matter and more about shapes and the colors in their paintings.

Cubism began around 1910. Picasso is the most famous Cubist artist.



Abstract art can be very simple like this painting by Barnett Newman. In paintings like this, the artist is exploring different color combinations which may affect the way a person feels by looking at it.

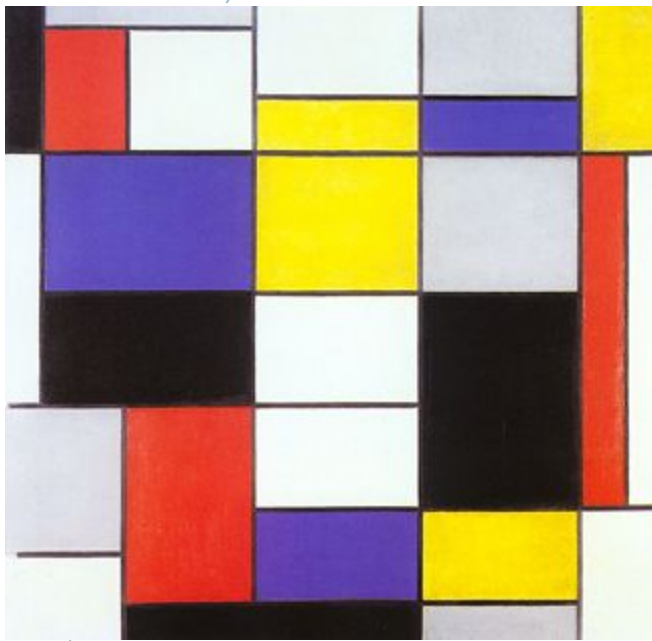
Wassily Kandinsky was one of the first artists to paint abstract paintings. The painting here is semi-abstract because there are some recognizable things in it.





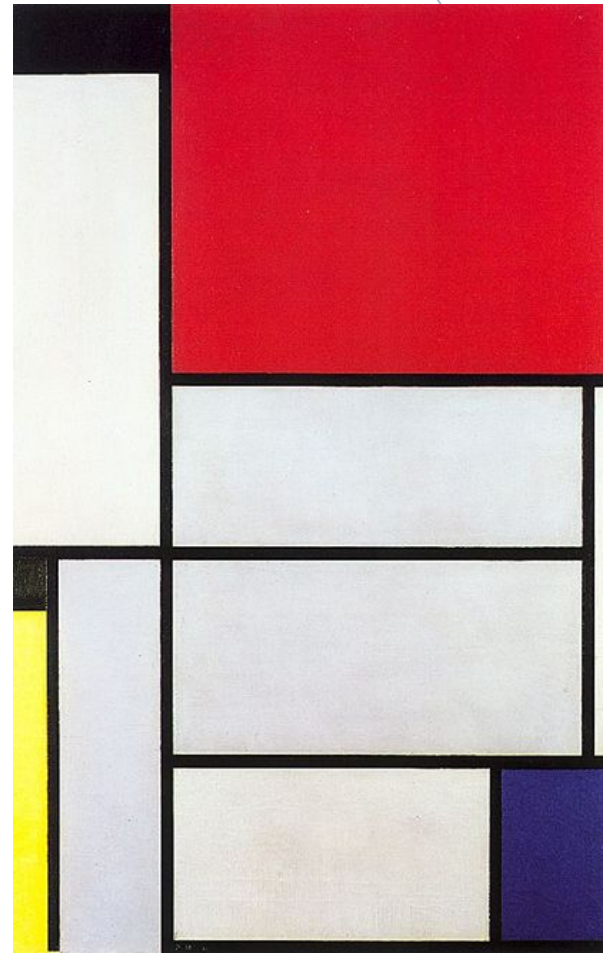
Abstract art is any art which does not contain figurative or representational content. A true abstract painting is composed only of shapes and colors.

This is a semi-abstract painting by Kandinsky. Some objects in it are recognizable.
What can you see?



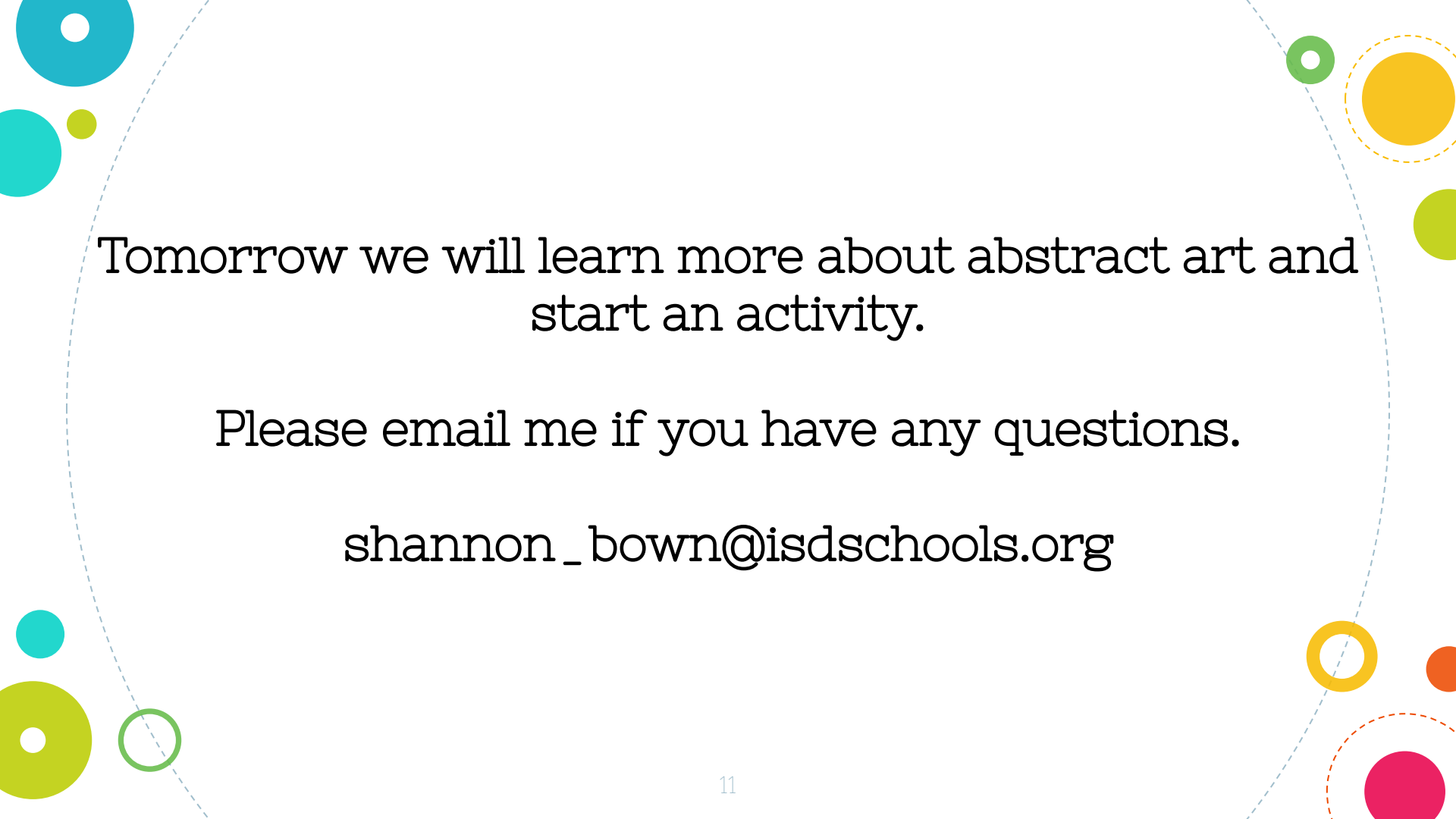
Piet Mondrian used a process of simplification which led him to produce his famous geometric abstracts

Mondrian is famous for using primary colors, 90° angles, and thick, black lines.



Watch this video to learn more about Abstract Art and more artists.



A decorative graphic consisting of a large, light blue dashed circle that frames the text. Various colored circles (solid and hollow) in shades of teal, green, yellow, orange, and pink are scattered around the perimeter of the dashed circle.

Tomorrow we will learn more about abstract art and
start an activity.

Please email me if you have any questions.

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