



Visual Art Virtual Learning


Art 1 - 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 it. A large yellow ring is in the bottom-right corner. Other elements include a green circle with a white center in the bottom-left, a green circle with a dashed outline in the top-right, and an orange circle with a dashed outline in the middle-right. A dashed grey line curves through the scene, passing through the teal ring, a small teal dot, and the yellow ring. A pink dot is also visible in the middle-right area.

What is Abstract Art?



Van Gogh's Starry Night



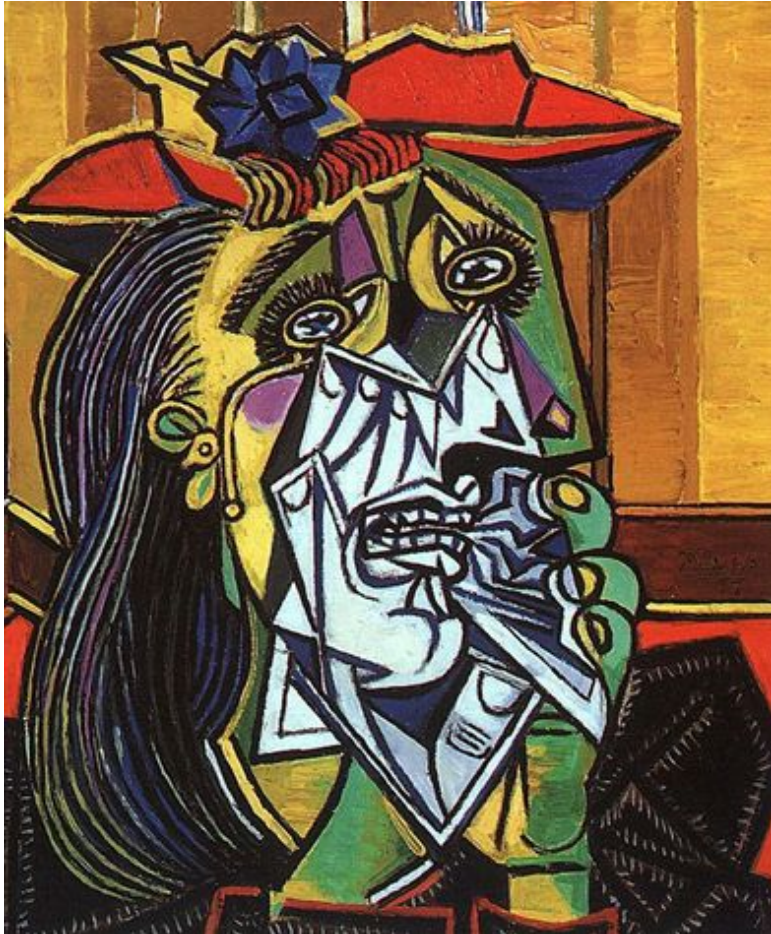
Seurat – 'La Grande Jatte'

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.

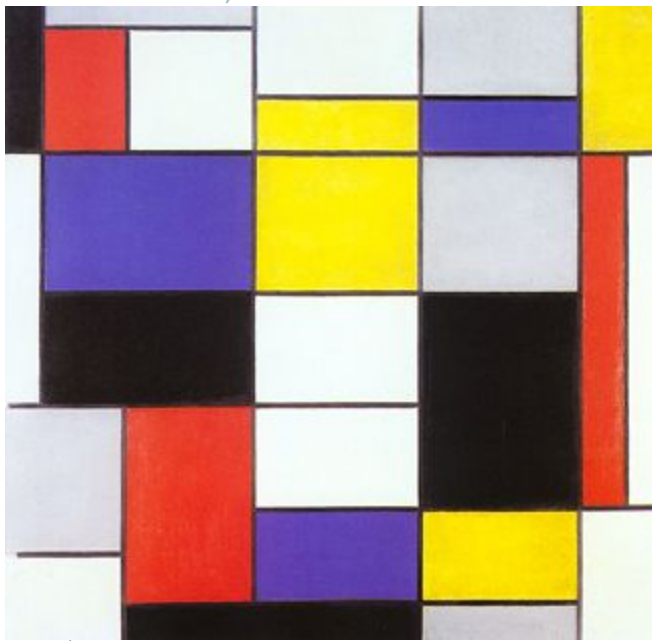
Wassily Kandinsky was one of the first artists to paint abstract paintings The painting here is semi-abstract because there are some things recognizable in it.





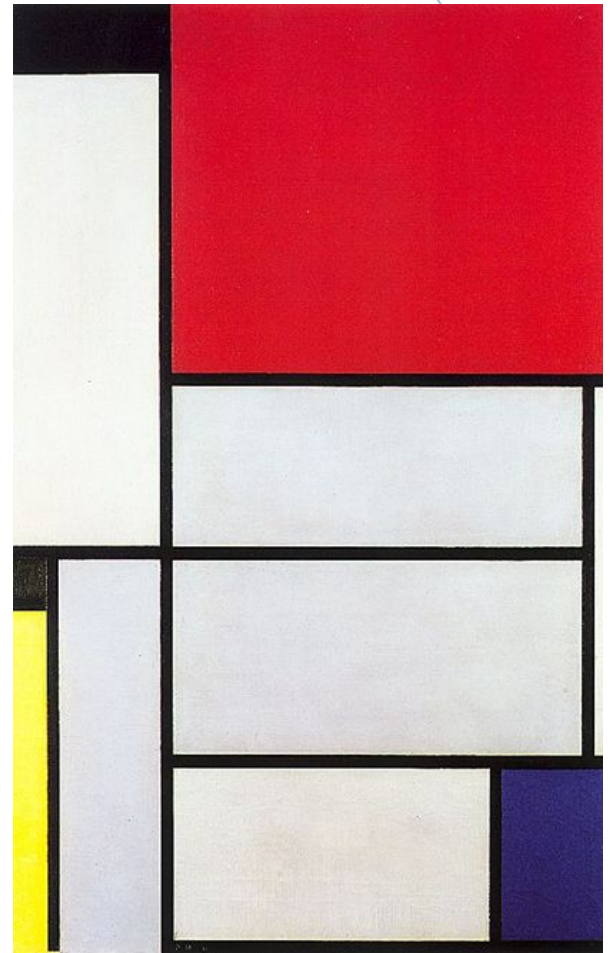
Abstract art is any art which does not contain figurative or representational content. A true abstract painting is composed only of shapes and colors.

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



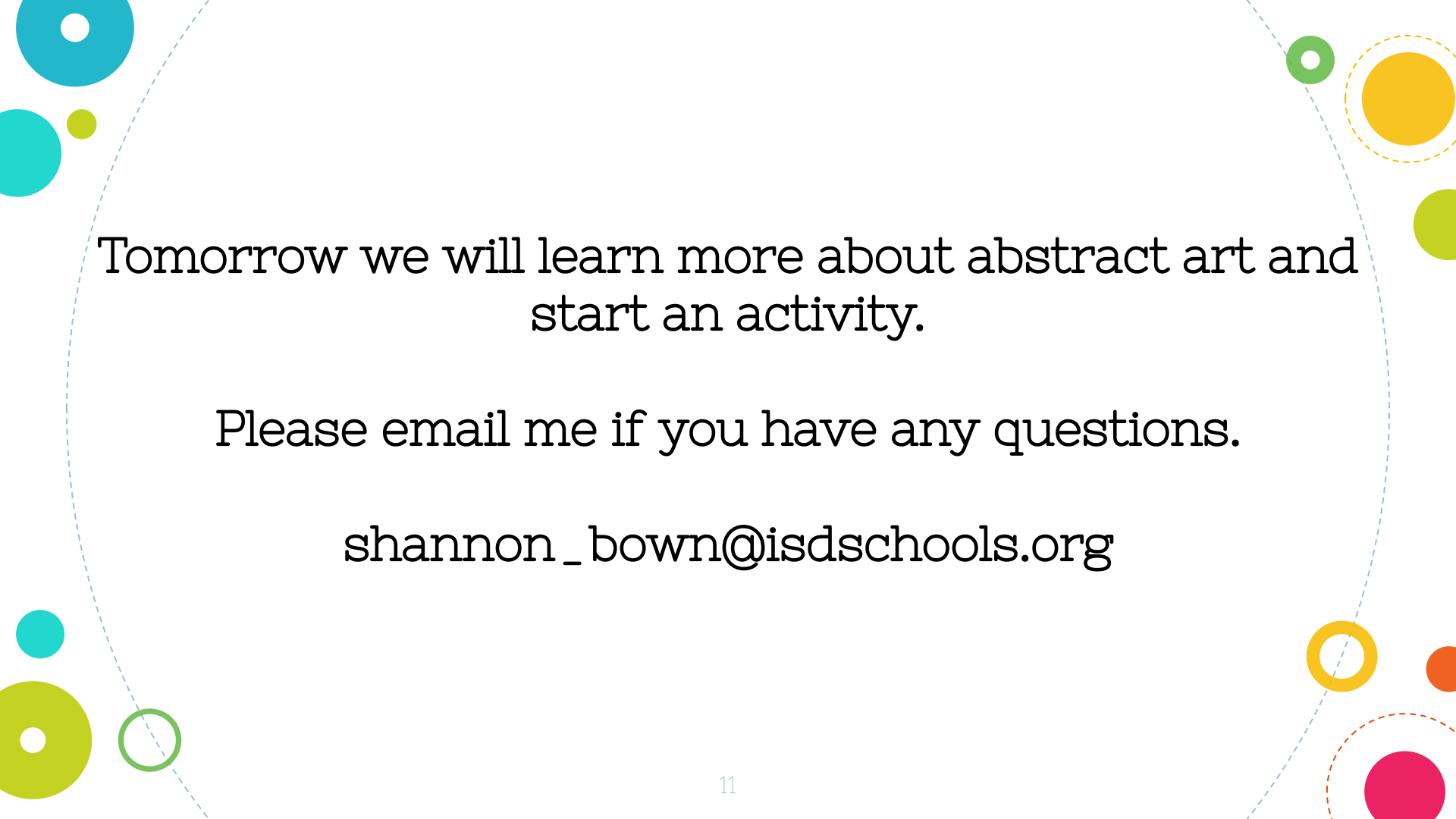
Piet Mondrian used a process of simplification which led him to produce his famous geometric abstracts

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.





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

Please email me if you have any questions.

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