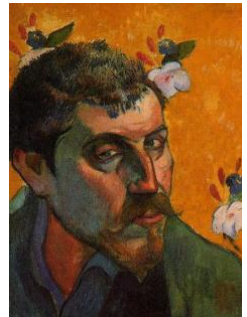


## Paul Gauguin

### What Did Gauguin Create?

Paul Gauguin was a **Post-Impressionist painter** known for his **bright colours, bold outlines, and flat shapes**.

He often painted scenes inspired by **tropical islands**, especially **Tahiti**. His work is known for its dreamlike quality and often includes **people, landscapes, animals, and symbols from Polynesian mythology**.



Gauguin used art to express **feelings, ideas, and imagination**, rather than just what he could see.

### Childhood

- Born on **7 June 1848** in **Paris, France**.
- His full name was **Eugène Henri Paul Gauguin**.
- His father was a journalist, and his mother came from a family in Peru.
- The family moved to **Peru** when he was just one year old.
- After his father died on the voyage, Gauguin lived in **Lima, Peru** for several years.
- Returned to France at the age of 7 and lived with relatives.
- He had a love for adventure and the sea from a young age.

### Education

- Did not go to art school at first – he trained to become a **merchant navy officer**.
- Spent years sailing around the world, visiting places like **South America and the Arctic**.
- Worked as a **stockbroker** in Paris before turning to painting seriously.
- Learned to paint by visiting **art galleries** and **copying famous paintings**.
- Took lessons from artist **Camille Pissarro**, who became his mentor.

## Career

- Started painting as a hobby while working in finance.
- Exhibited with the **Impressionists**, including **Monet and Degas**, but developed his own style.
- Left his job to become a full-time artist – this caused financial struggles.
- Moved to **Brittany** in France and painted rural life.
- Later moved to **Tahiti** in search of a simpler, more spiritual life – many of his most famous paintings come from this time.
- Created wood carvings, prints, and sculptures, as well as paintings.
- Died in 1903 on the Marquesas Islands.

## Quotes from Gauguin

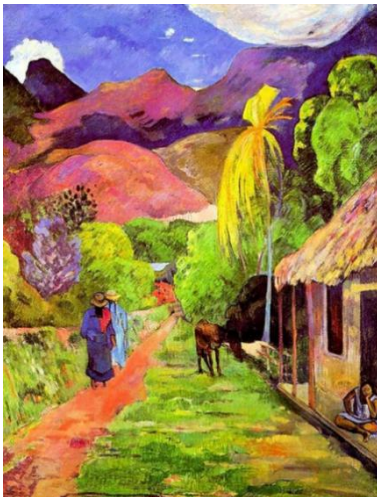
“I shut my eyes in order to see.”

“Art is either plagiarism or revolution.”

“Colour! What a deep and mysterious language, the language of dreams.”

“I want to paint and write, and not be bothered by anything else.”

## Art



Road in Tahiti



Tahitian landscape



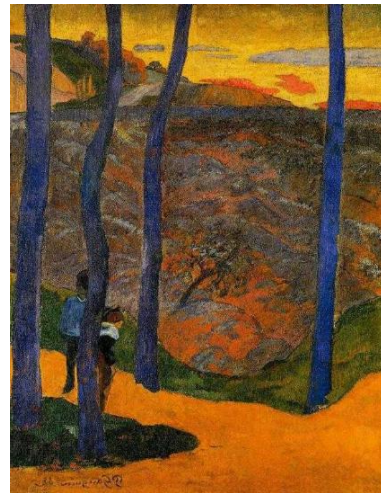
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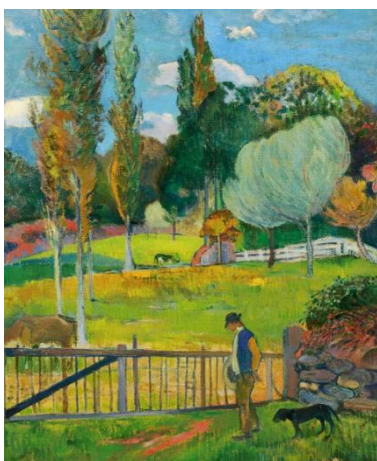
Blue trees

Painter of Sunflowers (Van Gogh)



A walk in the park

A vase of flowers



Bowl of fruit and tankard  
before a window

