Edvard Munch



Who was Edvard Munch?

Edvard Munch was a Norwegian artist.

He created emotional, colourful, and expressive artworks that showed feelings like fear, love, sadness, and loneliness.

Childhood

- Edvard was born in Norway in 1863.
- His mother died when he was just 5 years old.
- He was often sick as a child and missed a lot of school.
- He spent a lot of time drawing to express how he felt.

Education

- Edvard began studying engineering but left to focus on art.
- He joined the Royal School of Art and Design in Kristiania (now Oslo).
- He learned to draw using live models and studied old masters.
- He was influenced by other artists in Europe, especially those who used strong emotions and colour.

Artists Who Influenced Edvard Munch:

- Vincent van Gogh Munch admired Van Gogh's bold brushstrokes and emotional use of colour.
- Paul Gauguin Gauguin's use of symbolism and strong colours had a big impact on Munch's style.
- **Henri Toulouse-Lautrec** Lautrec's expressive portraits and posters influenced Munch's use of line and mood.
- James Abbott McNeill Whistler Whistler's atmospheric paintings helped Munch explore mood and tone.
- **Arnold Böcklin** Böcklin's mysterious and symbolic artworks inspired Munch's interest in death and emotion.

He was also influenced by **Symbolism** (a movement that explored dreams, emotions, and ideas through art) and early **Impressionism**, though he later moved beyond both to help develop **Expressionism**.

Career

- Edvard created paintings, drawings, and prints that showed deep emotions.
- His most famous painting, The Scream, was made in 1893.
- He helped inspire a style of art called *Expressionism*.
- His art was sometimes shocking at first, but today he is seen as one of the most important modern artists.

Quotes from Edvard Munch

- "From my rotting body, flowers shall grow and I am in them and that is eternity."
- "I do not paint what I see, but what I saw."
- "Art comes from joy and pain, but mostly from pain."
- "Without fear and illness, I could never have accomplished all I have."

Art



The Sun

The Night Wanderer



1895 version of The Scream in pastels



The Scream 1910 final version



Anxiety

