

Wassily Kandinsky

1866 – 1944



Wassily Kandinsky was born in Moscow, Russia on 16th December 1866. He worked as a law and economics teacher before moving to Munich (Germany) to attend art school.

Kandinsky was inspired by Claude Monet and how he used colour in his paintings. At art school, Kandinsky started to explore how to use colour to express himself and his emotions. In 1922, he taught at the Bauhaus art school in Germany but continued to make his own art. He started to use geometric shapes in his paintings such as curves, straight lines and circles.

In 1924, Kandinsky toured the United States with several other artists (including Paul Klee) exhibiting his work and lecturing about art.

In the 1930s, Kandinsky moved to Paris

where he made some of his most famous art work such as *Composition IX* and *Composition X*.

Kandinsky died on 13th December 1944 and his paintings now sell at auctions for millions of pounds.



Kandinsky used his art to express himself and his feelings. What does this painting make you think of? How does it make you feel? Try to portray the same feelings in your own version.

You could re-create the original or create your own inspired by this piece.

Kandinsky was a painter but you can use any medium you like. You might want to paint, draw, collage or use a computer programme like Paint. There might even be something else you want to try.

However you choose to do your picture, remember to focus on the shapes, colour and feeling of the piece.