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## Everything about Sunflowers!

We are take a tour of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. This museum is dedicated to learning about the works of Vincent Van Gogh and showcases his variety of art. On this hunt we are going to explore Van Gogh's Sunflowers and learn about how and why he created them and their importance in Vincent's life. Visit <a href="https://vangoghmuseum.nl/en/whats-on/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/exhibition-van-gogh-and-the-sunflowers/everything-about-sunflowers">https://vangoghmuseum.nl/en/whats-on/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/exhibition-van-gogh-and-the-sunflowers/everything-about-sunflowers.</a>

Step 1: Watch the video "Did you know that...?" to discover 5 surprising facts about Van Gogh's Sunflowers. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DppVD1i78qU&feature=youtu.be

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Step 2: How many Sunflowers are in the Van Gogh museum's collection?

Learn a fact about each! (Navigate to the "Sunflowers in the collection" page.)

Step 3: What was the meaning of the sunflowers according to Vincent van Gogh? (Navigate to "Creating a Masterpiece" page and go through the story until you find the meaning.)

Step 4: (Navigate to the "Conservation Treatment of Sunflowers" page)

- 1. Zoom in and take a look at the brush strokes.
  - a. Find Vincent's Signature
  - b. Find the blue center of one of the Sunflowers
  - c. Check out the different layers of paint and styles he used on the different sunflowers.

- 2. (Click on "Vincent's Life and Work") How old was Vincent when he decided to become a painter?
- 3. (Click on "Collection Highlights") What are the Collection highlights? Learn some facts about one of the paintings in the collection.
- 4. Return to Vincent's Life and Work page and scroll to the bottom to find the "Van Gogh World Famous" section, click on it. Who was the woman that made Vincent Van Gogh Famous?
- 5. Jo was Vincent's sister-in-law. She was a committed woman who bravely stood up in a world dominated by men. Vincent owes much of his fame to her. Continue to read the article to learn about Jo and how she made Vincent famous!
  - a. How did Jo raise awareness of Vincent's artwork?
  - b. What was one thing you learned about Jo van Gogh-Bonger?

Step 5: Download the coloring page and create your own sunflowers!

Explore the rest of the Amsterdam Van Gogh Museum to learn about Vincent's life, his unique painting techniques and to see more of his beautiful work of art.

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