

The best way to compare two paintings is to break up the information into the 5 headings on the first page. Write about both paintings under each heading e.g.

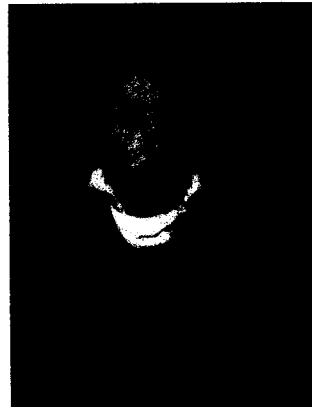
Subject and Interpretation

"Both of these paintings have the same subject matter, they are both portraits of mad men. The self-portrait by Van Gogh shows him when he is suffering from depression and the other one by Gericault is a portrait of someone from an insane asylum. One was painted by someone who suffered from periods of madness and depression and the other is the artists interpretation of a madman".

Style and Technique

"The way that each artist has applied the paint onto the canvas is very different. Van Gogh shows his depression by using swirling brushstrokes and Gericault has used smooth brushstrokes relying on dark colour and the expression on the mans face".

Vincent van Gogh
"Self-Portrait"
1889. Oil on Canvas.
65x54cm.



Theodore Gericault
"Portrait of a Madman"
1821. Oil on Canvas.
61x51cm.

Post-Impressionism

Romanticism

WORDS TO USE

Try and use some describing words to do with art in your answer. Here are some examples, if you do not know the meaning of a word look it up in the dictionary.

COLOUR	TONE	COMPOSITION	TECHNIQUE/STYLE
HARMONISING	DULL	THOUGHTFUL	ABSTRACT
CONTRASTING	GLOOMY	CONVENTIONAL	FREEFLOWING
BOLD	BRIGHT	IDIOSYNCRATIC	REALISTIC
FLAT	CLOSE	PROPORTIONAL	THICKLY PAINTED
WARM	MINIMAL	HARMONISING	FLAT COLOUR
COOL	SOLID	JARRING	TEXTURAL
GLOOMY	WASHED OUT	DISTRACTING	BOLD
BRIGHT	MONOCHROME	TRI-ANGULAR	WASHY
CHEERFUL	EXAGGERATED	FOCAL POINT	SIMPLISTIC
DEPRESSING	BLENDED	EYE LED	STRIKING
SOMBRE	ILLUSION	FREE	LINEAR
SUBTLE	DARK	GEOMETRICAL	EXPRESSIVE
ANGRY	CALM	FLOWING	UNREALISTIC
RESTFUL	EVOCATIVE	BALANCED	INNOVATIVE
CLASHING	EXCITING	RHYTHMIC	SKETCHY
		TENSE	EXPERIMENTAL