

A Conversation with Art

Vincent van Gogh is now viewed as one of the greatest artists of all time. But all throughout van Gogh's lifetime, he considered himself worthless, which led him to suicide at the age of thirty-seven.

He lived a sorrowful life, plagued with self-doubt. His last words were, "The sadness will last forever." He called his greatest work, 'A Starry Night', a failure. To tell him that he is now regarded as an amazing painter of incomparable skill could encourage him to live life without doubt or depression, and to not end his life in such a horrible way.

He created nine hundred paintings in his lifetime, but only sold one. Painting meant everything to him, yet everyone around him viewed him as nothing but a crazy drunk. To tell him he isn't worthless would mean more to him than words can describe.

Paintings can inspire people, and evoke different emotions. Van Gogh used brilliant, bright color palettes that now define his style. The world would be a better place with more paintings by this phenomenal artist.

If I could build him up a little, it could change the life of someone depressed, lonely, and ridiculed. As a writer, I understand things such as self-doubt or regarding a work as a failure. Having someone to boost you up can be invaluable. Everyone needs a shoulder to cry on sometimes, even famous figures such as van Gogh. I would only be too glad to offer mine.