

Wassily Kandinsky



Kandinsky was born in Moscow, Russia on December 16, 1866. Kandinsky felt that he could express feelings and music through colours and shapes in his paintings. The shapes he was most interested in were the circle, triangle, and the square. He thought the triangle would cause aggressive feelings, the square calm feelings, and the circle spiritual feelings. He moved to Paris where he lived until his death in 1944.



Squares with concentric circles, 1913.

Use Kandinsky's painting and biography above to answer the following questions.

1. What are the primary colours?
2. What shapes can you see repeated in the painting?
3. How many secondary colours can you find?
4. How many circles can you count in each square?
5. What shapes would you use to make a Kandinsky style painting?
6. Can you remember where Kandinsky was born?
7. What colours would you use to create a painting like this?

These are some other Kandinsky paintings. Which one of these do you like best? Why?

