



## Our Class Artist – Wassily Kandinsky

Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian painter. Many people think he was the first abstract artist.

Wassily Kandinsky was born on 16th December 1866 in Moscow, Russia. When he grew up, he worked as a teacher at a university but it didn't make him happy.

When he was 30, he left his job and went to art school. He found art school easy and was very good at his studies.



Abstract painting by Wassily Kandinsky



Kandinsky thought a lot about what colours mean and how they make people feel. He believed that colours had a soul.

He was inspired by Claude Monet's *Haystacks* painting, particularly the artist's use of colour.

Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles  
by Wassily Kandinsky

He was the first painter to stop painting pictures of things and instead paint just using colours and shapes. He believed that this let him paint honestly about his feelings.

Often Kandinsky would listen to music while he painted and try to paint what he heard.

Kandinsky moved to Paris in the 1930s. He lived in France until his death on 13th December 1944.



Red Spot II (1921)  
by Wassily Kandinsky