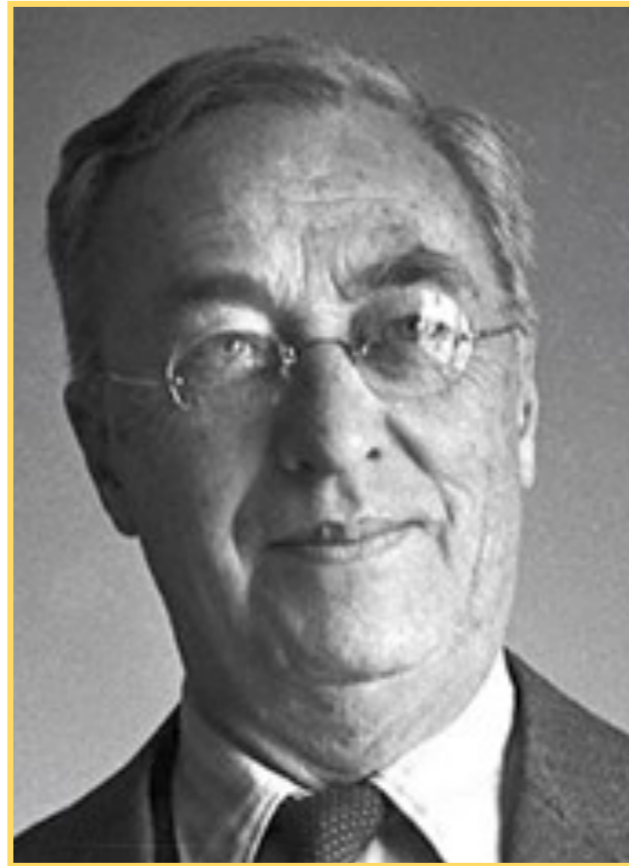


# Knowledge Organiser - Wassily Kandinsky (Y1)

## Vocabulary

Colour	The property possessed by an object of producing different sensations on the eye as a result of the way it reflects or emits light.
Primary	Any of a group of colours from which all other colours can be obtained by mixing.
Secondary	A colour resulting from the mixing of two primary colours.
Mix	Combine or put together to form one substance or mass.
Bright	Giving out or reflecting much light; shining.
Dull	Lacking brightness, vividness, or sheen.
Light	The natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible.
Dark	With little or no light.
Complimentary	A colour that combined with a given colour makes white or black.
Colour names	Red, yellow, pink, green, purple, orange and blue.
Tools	Paintbrush (filbert, round), Palette, Ready Mixed Paint and Oil Paint.



## Key Facts

- Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian painter. Many people think he was the first abstract artist.
- Born in 1866 in 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.
- Kandinsky thought a lot about what colours mean and how they make people feel. He believed that colours had a soul.
- Kandinsky 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.
- Some of his paintings have sold for over 20 million dollars.
- He died on the 13th December 1944 in France.

## Examples of his work



Der Blaue Berg (The Blue Mountain) 1908



Composition IV 1911

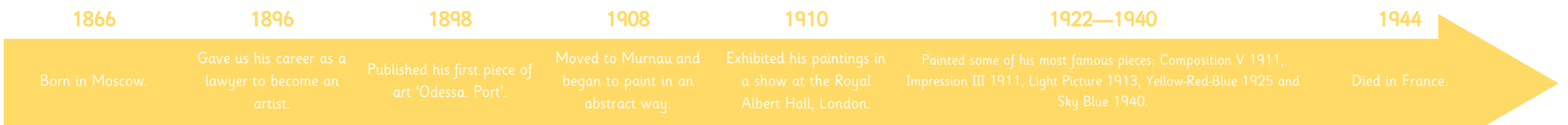


Squares With Concentric Circles 1913



Composition VIII 1923

## Timeline of Kandinsky's Life



*'Colour is a means of exerting direct influence on the soul. There is no must in art because art is free. The artist must train not only his eye but also his soul.'*