Van Gogh: Challenging the Myth of the 'Tortured Genius'

Watch this video and then answer the questions below: \*Trigger warning – there is discussion of suicide within the video.

[](https://youtu.be/dFqAKp6xmLg)

1. What is your understanding of the term ‘tortured genius?’ What type of person would you describe to fit this term? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
2. Why is it problematic to say that Van Gogh’s artistic talent was because of his poor mental health?

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1. What happened to Van Gogh before he cut off his ear?

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1. What treatment did Van Gogh receive in the asylum?

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1. How did art help Van Gogh?

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1. Why do you think suicide was considered a crime?

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