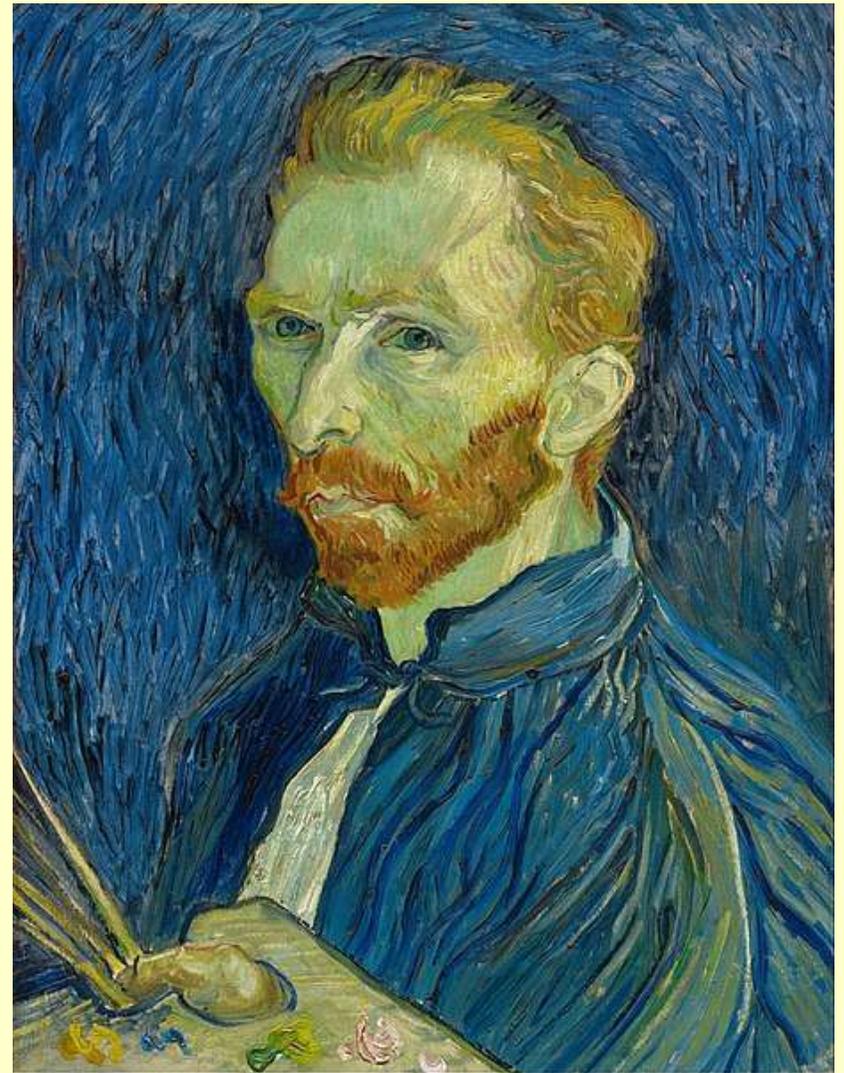




Do you recognise this painting?
Who painted it? What kind of painting is it?

It is a **still life** entitled
“*Vase with fifteen sunflowers*”
by Vincent Van Gogh



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Van Gogh painted it in 1888
when he was in **Arles**, a city in the south of France.



The yellow house,
1888

In Arles Van Gogh lived in the **yellow house**, that he represented in one of his paintings.

The bedroom,
1888



This was Van Gogh's bedroom in the yellow house.

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<http://www.gauguin.org/images/van-gogh-and-gauguin.jpg>



In October 1888 Van Gogh invited his friend Paul Gauguin to share the yellow house and form a small **“artistic community”**.

During their time in Arles,
Van Gogh and Gauguin
painted together and
influenced each other.

Sometimes they painted
the same subjects such as ...

Madame Ginoux
by Gauguin, 1890



Madame Ginoux
by Van Gogh, 1890



...*Madame Ginoux*, the owner
of the *Café de la Gare* in Arles.

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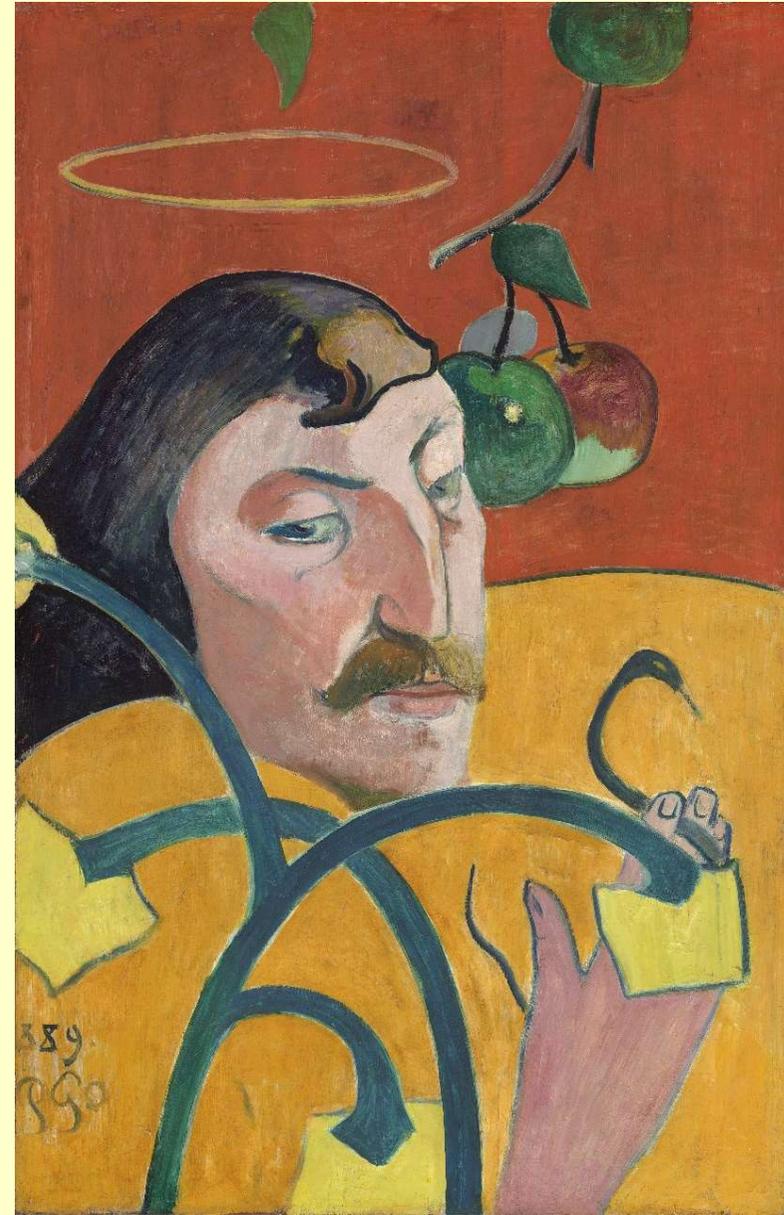
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Van Gogh painting sunflowers
This portrait was painted by Gauguin in 1888

Let's look at these self-portraits



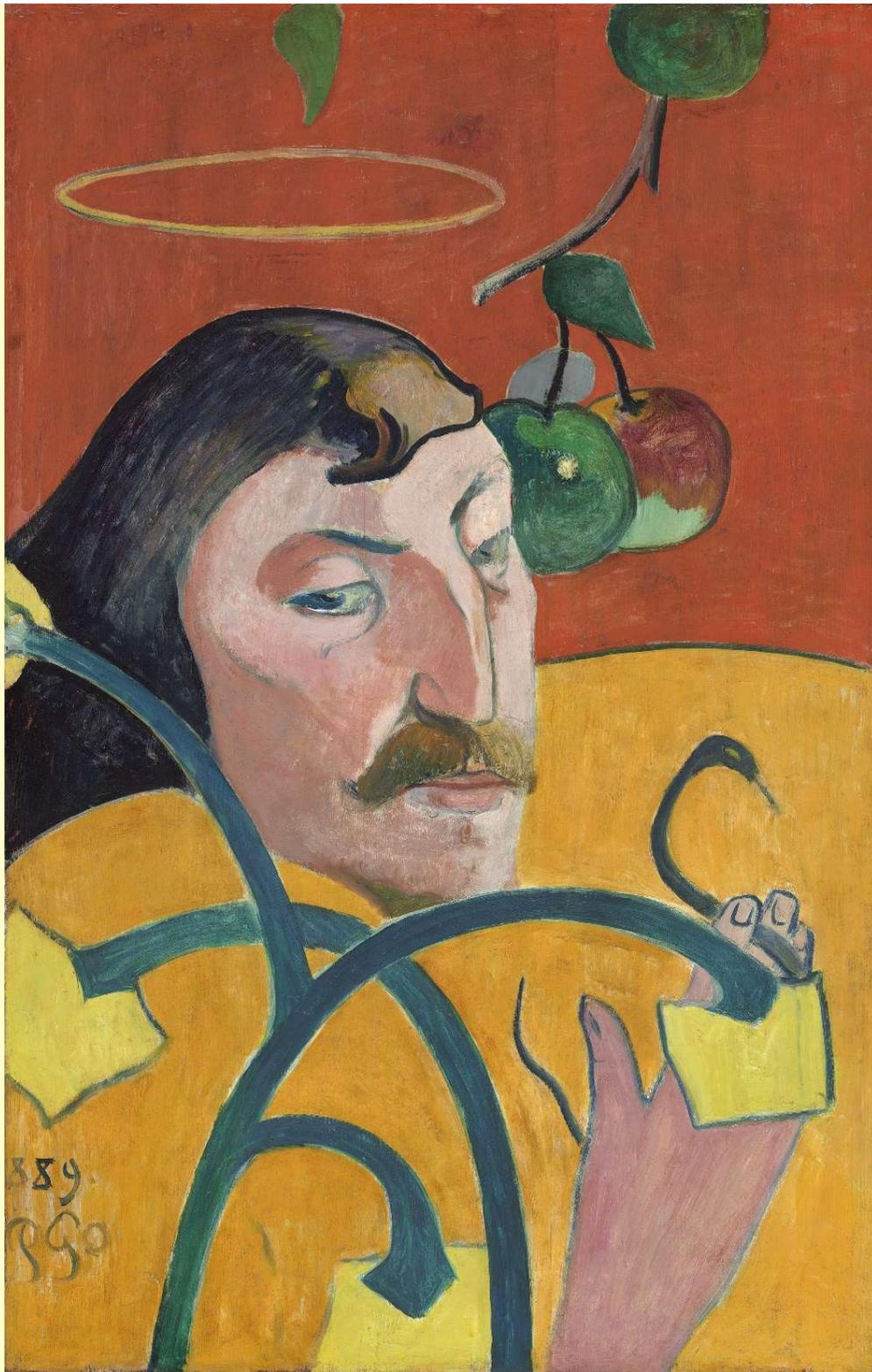
and try to find the main differences between their painting techniques and styles

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Self-Portrait as a painter
by Van Gogh,
oil on canvas
1887-1888

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Paul_Gauguin_-_Self-Portrait_with_Halo_and_Snake.jpg



Self-Portrait with halo and snake
by Gauguin,
oil on wood
1889

And now work in pairs and compare the two self-portraits of Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin.

Choose **the right adjectives to describe each**

Heavy, thick
brushstrokes

Mixed colours

Dark outline

Vibrant colours
with feeling of
movement

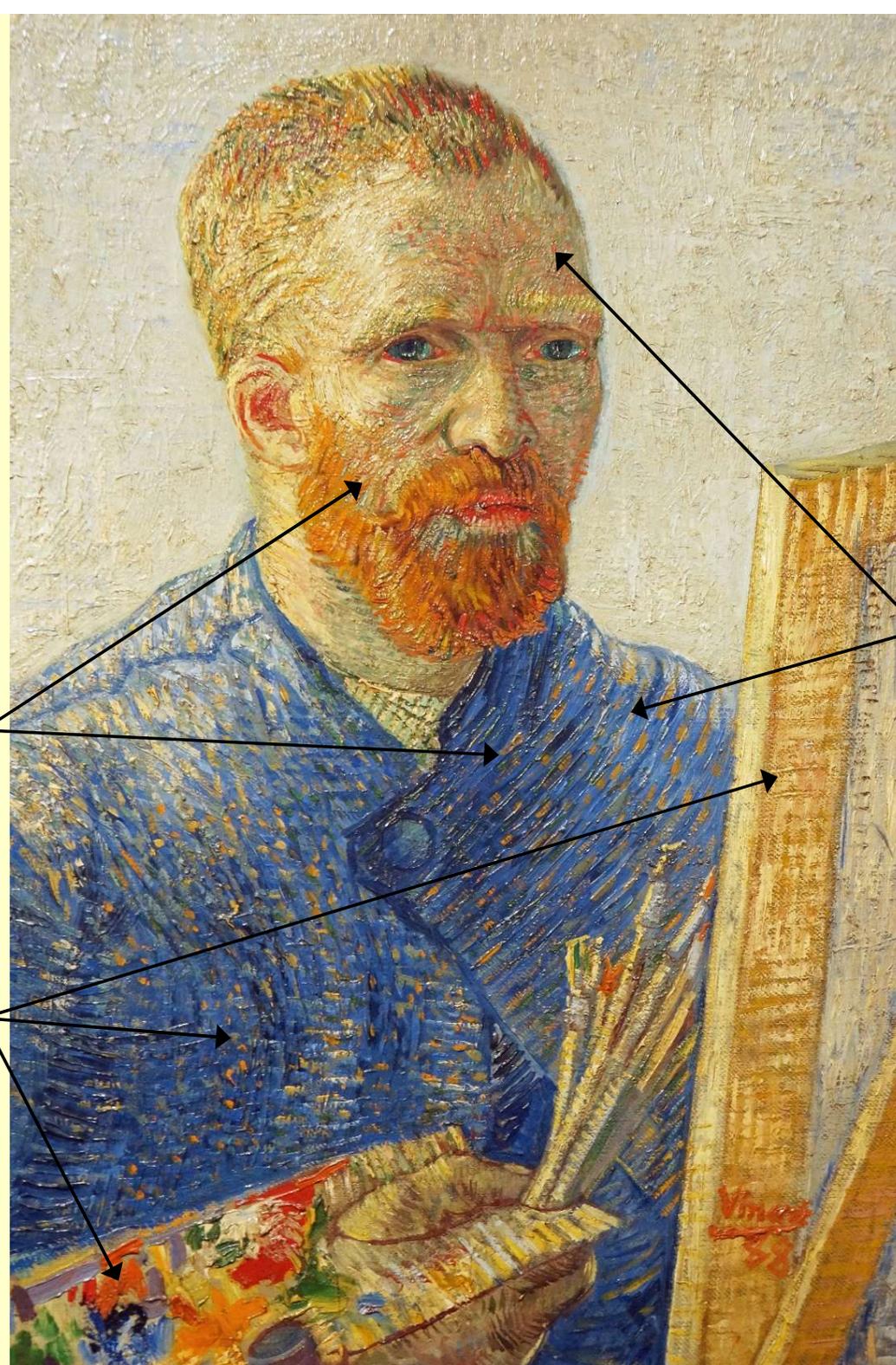
Simplified shapes

Exaggerated body
proportions

Flat surface
in intense
colours

Let's compare our opinions
about these two paintings

*Self-portrait
by Van Gogh*



Vibrant colours
with feeling of
movement

Heavy, thick
brushstrokes

Mixed colours

*Self-portrait
by Gauguin*

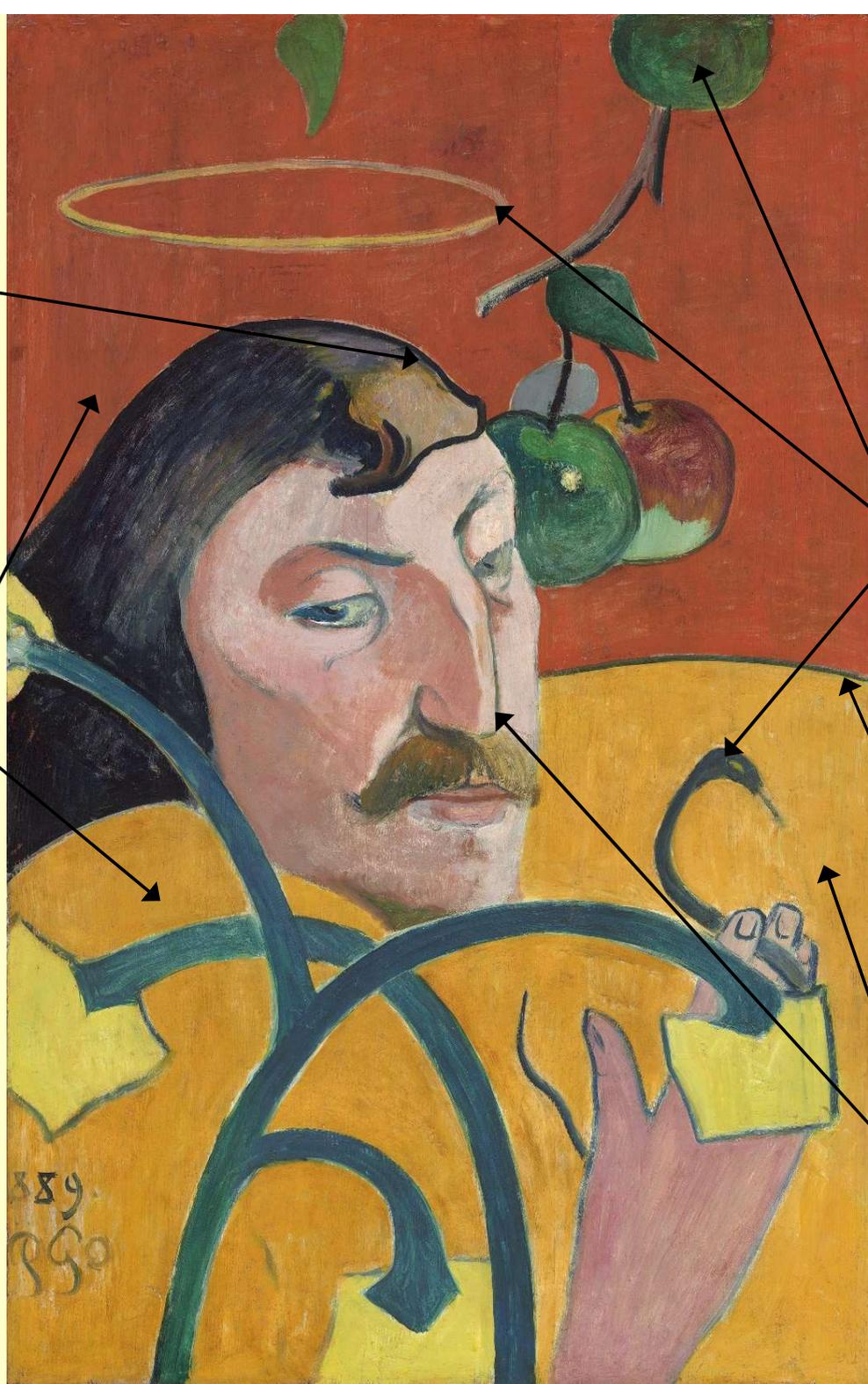
Dark outline

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Exaggerated
body proportions



How did the story
of Van Gogh and Gauguin end?



Self-Portrait with bandaged ear,
by Van Gogh
oil on canvas
1889

Paul Gauguin stayed only nine weeks at the yellow house.

One evening before Christmas 1888, after an argument between them, Van Gogh had a nervous crisis and cut off his own ear.

Then Paul Gauguin decided to leave Arles.