

1. When did Gauguin's income begin to decline and why? What happened next?

Because of the Paris stock market crash of 1882. It was then he made the choice to abandon his wife and five children to become a full-time artist.

2. Which are the most important places visited by Gauguin during his lifetime?

Paris, Brittany, Martinique, Arles, the Tahitian Islands

3. What is the painting "Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?" represent?

It represents a life-cycle.

4. What can you see in the middle section of the painting?

In the middle section we can see the mother that sustains and nourishes her growing child

5. On what is the title of the painting based?

The title is based loosely on a Christian catechism from Gauguin's childhood.

6. What gives the painting a resemblance to a religious iconography?

The decorative corner pieces that Gauguin painted in the upper left corner

7. When, where and why did Gauguin die?

Gauguin died in Tahiti at the age of 54 from a heart attack, perhaps due to complications from alcoholism, drugs, and syphilis.