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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Vincent Van Gogh rent the yellow house in France?
  - Ⓐ It was close to the sea.
  - Ⓑ The cost of the rent was low.
  - Ⓒ The house was near his friend.
  - Ⓓ It felt calm and cheerful to him.
2. This book is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ how to paint a bedroom
  - Ⓑ a place to go to learn to paint
  - Ⓒ an artist who painted colorful pictures
  - Ⓓ one way to create very interesting paintings
3. *Vincent often felt **despair**.* What is **despair**?
  - Ⓐ feeling very joyous
  - Ⓑ being happy to be alive
  - Ⓒ feeling proud of his work
  - Ⓓ a feeling of deep sadness
4. Why would Vincent's brother have agreed to support Vincent throughout his life?
  - Ⓐ Theo didn't need all his money.
  - Ⓑ Theo thought Vincent was a talented artist.
  - Ⓒ Theo's parents told him he should do this.
  - Ⓓ Theo wanted Vincent to paint a picture of him.
5. From this book you could tell the author \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ lived near where Vincent Van Gogh lived
  - Ⓑ thought highly of Vincent Van Gogh's paintings
  - Ⓒ would like to get rid of all of Vincent Van Gogh's paintings
  - Ⓓ would like Vincent Van Gogh to have painted her living room

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6. How were Vincent Van Gogh's paintings different from those of most other artists in his time?
  - Ⓐ He painted outside.
  - Ⓑ He painted mostly pictures of people.
  - Ⓒ He painted pictures that were very small.
  - Ⓓ He painted using less color than most artists.
7. Why did the author likely only focus this story on a small period of Vincent's life?
  - Ⓐ This period was one of the most interesting parts of Vincent's life.
  - Ⓑ The rest of Vincent's life was boring.
  - Ⓒ Vincent lived a short life.
  - Ⓓ The author didn't know what else to write about.
8. How was life different during Vincent's lifetime than today?
  - Ⓐ There were no radios.
  - Ⓑ There was no indoor plumbing.
  - Ⓒ There were no CD or DVD players.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Vincent's **moods** led him to create some of his greatest paintings. What are **moods**?
  - Ⓐ states or frames of mind
  - Ⓑ places where an artist works
  - Ⓒ distinctive artistic forms
  - Ⓓ places that offer shelter
10. Why did Vincent paint the second painting of his bedroom?
  - Ⓐ The first one was damaged.
  - Ⓑ He sold the first one to his brother.
  - Ⓒ He thought he could do a better job.
  - Ⓓ He wanted to start a collection of bedroom paintings.

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**11. Extended Response:** What caused Vincent to move to a bright yellow house in Arles, France?

**12. Extended Response:** After reading this story, what can you conclude about Van Gogh's painting style?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Vincent's Bedroom

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓓ Vocabulary
4. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
6. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
7. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include:  
*that Van Gogh was a man of many strong feelings. He needed a calm and cheerful place to work and live and the yellow house helped him feel calm and safe.*
12. Answers will vary but might include:  
*that he uses large swirls of color, thick brush strokes and vibrant colors, and he paints mostly outside.*