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- **Edvard Munch** (December 12, 1863 – January 23, 1944) was a Norwegian Symbolist painter, printmaker, and an important forerunner of expressionistic art. His best-known composition, The Scream is one of the pieces in a series titled *The Frieze of Life*, in which Munch explored the themes of life, love, fear, death, and melancholy.

The Scream Facts

- It's not the figure in the painting that is doing the screaming - it's the landscape that surrounds the figure.
- *The Scream* is in fact a self-portrait expressing Munch's own agoraphobia. Walking with a couple of friends (they're in the painting) he fell behind and was overcome by his fear of open spaces.

- The pose is borrowed from a Peruvian mummy that Munch had seen at the Trocadero exhibition in Paris.



- *The Scream* has been the target of several high-profile [art thefts](#). In 1994, the version in the National Gallery was stolen. It was recovered several months later.

The Scream



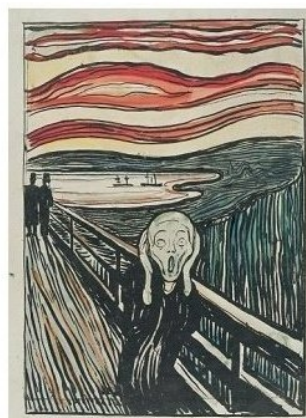
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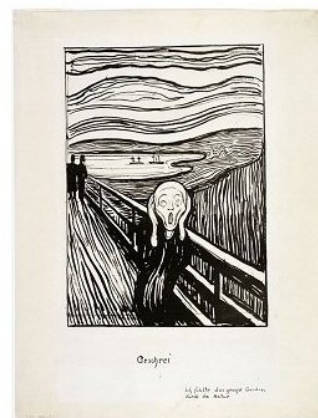
The Scream
Edward Munch 1893
Painted on cardboard



The Scream
Edward Munch ca. 1893, Pastel



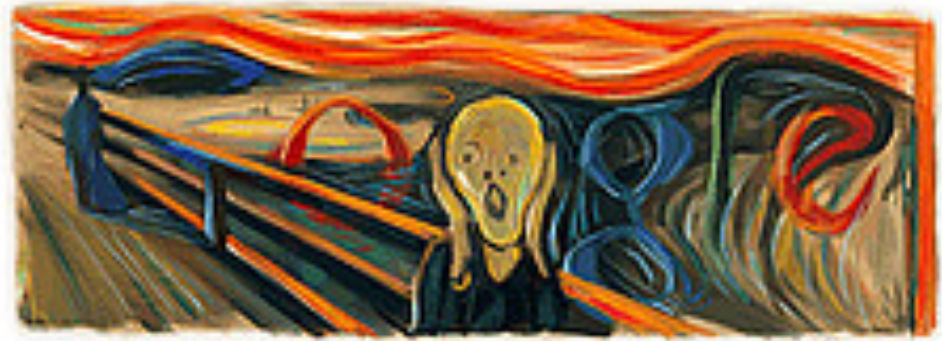
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Edward Munch 1895, Lithograph



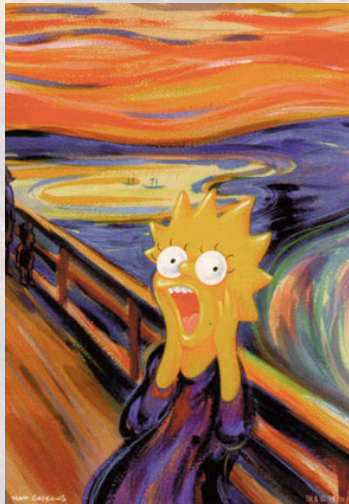
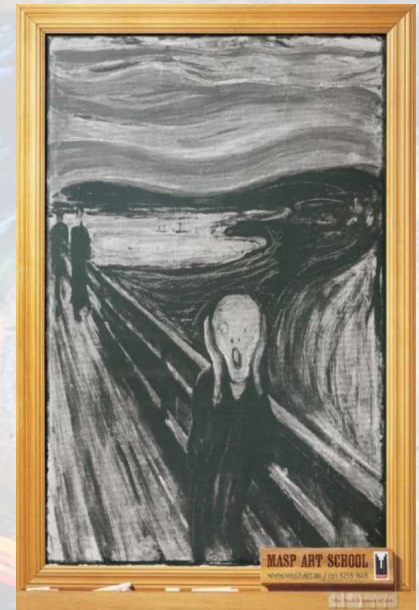
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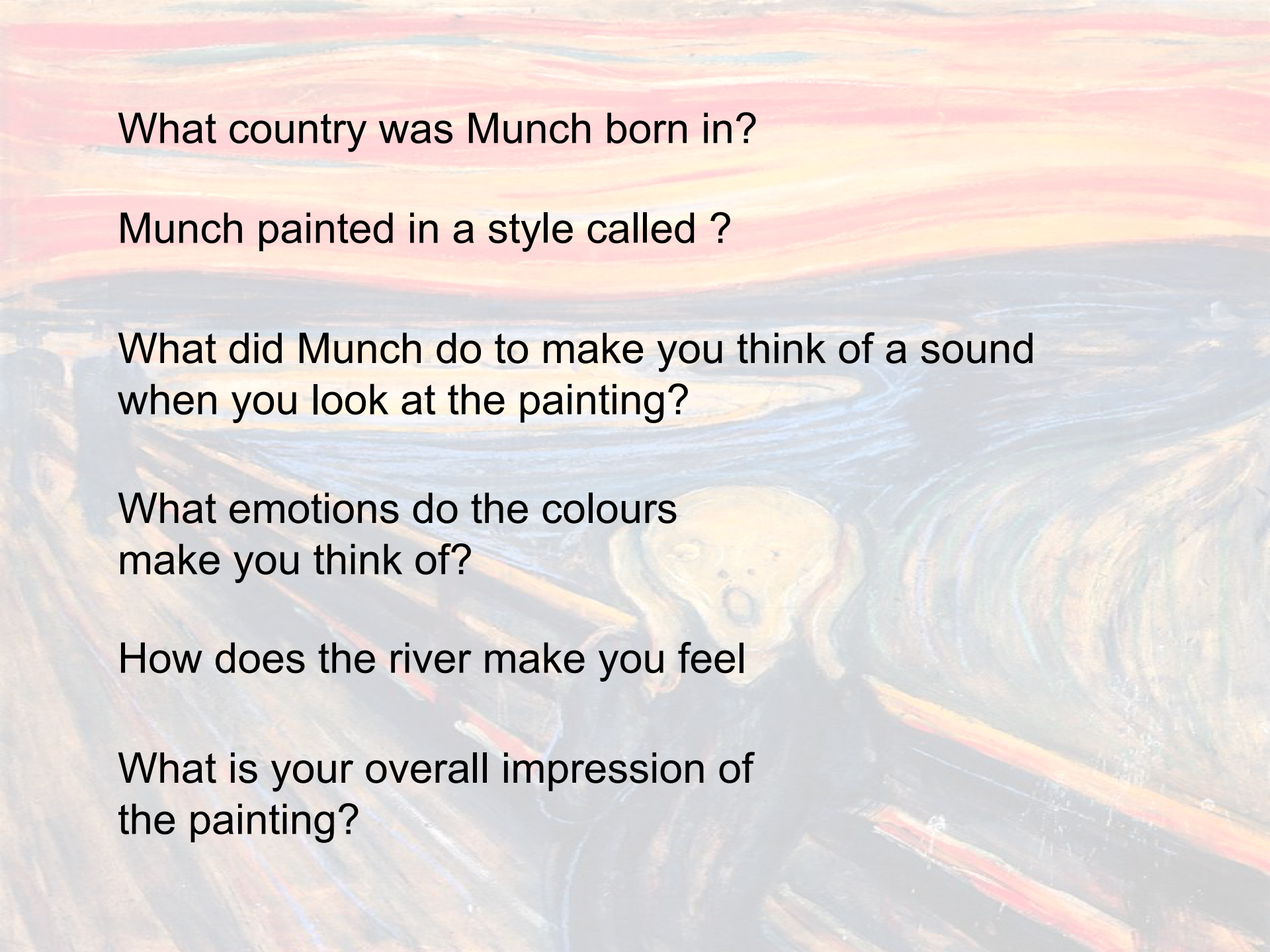
The Scream
Edward Munch 1910?
Painted on cardboard



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It has been used for advertising too!

The background of the slide is a reproduction of the painting 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch. It depicts a turbulent, colorful sky with swirling bands of red, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Below the sky, a dark, choppy sea is visible, and in the foreground, the figures of people are faintly discernible, though their features are not clearly defined. The overall mood is one of intense emotional distress and mental anguish.

What country was Munch born in?

Munch painted in a style called ?

What did Munch do to make you think of a sound when you look at the painting?

What emotions do the colours make you think of?

How does the river make you feel

What is your overall impression of the painting?



**LAUGHTER, HAPPY ,
JOY, EXCITEMENT.**

**FEAR, SCARED,
TERROR, PETRIFIED.**



**NAME THE
EMOTIONS**

**SAD, LONELY,
HURT, DISAPPOINTED.**



**ANGRY, CROSS,
AGGRESSIVE, ENRAGED**

Task

Record a range of emotions and expressions in your sketch book.

Label each expression and suggest a colour to represent each one.

Happy
Yellow

In your art books develop a scream painting using different emotions and colours

