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Paul Gauguin was born on the 7th of June, 1848, in Paris.



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His family moved to Peru when he was a child.  
His father died on the journey to South America.

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He spent his childhood in Lima, in Peru. He returned to France when he was seven, but he often dreamed of returning to Peru.



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When he was 17 years old he became a sailor and travelled around the world.

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Later, while he was working in a bank, he began painting in his free time.



**6**

Paul met Mette, a young Danish woman. They got and married and eventually had five children together.

**7**

He took part in an exhibition of impressionist painters in Paris.



**8**

He committed himself to his art at the age of 35. He didn't have any formal art training.

**9**

He abandoned his family and his job and became a post-impressionist painter.



**10**

He went to Brittany in the north of France, where he lived for some time.

**11**

He lived with Gauguin in Arles,  
in the south of France, for 9 weeks.



**12**

He decided to escape from civilization  
and moved to Tahiti, a Polynesian island  
in the south of Pacific Ocean.

**13**

He went back to Paris, but then he returned to Polynesia where he spent the rest of his life.



**14**

He suffered from poverty and sickness. In 1903 he died at the age of 55 on a remote island of Polynesia.