

## Lesson Plan for using Starry Night in Jr. High Vocal Music

This lesson will use Anchor Standard #4 - selecting, analyzing and interpreting artistic work for presentation and Anchor Standard #8 - Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.

<https://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>

Materials needed - Smart board to show the artwork  
The song "Counting Stars" by One Republic"  
A copy of the text of the song

### Objective:

Students will be able to admire this artwork, and point out similarities between the text of the song lyrics and the painting. This will help them to have a visual cue which will help them to memorize the lyrics, and will give them new meaning to the lyrics as well.

### To begin:

Put the picture of Starry Night up on the projector.

Create discussion with these following items:

How does this painting make you feel?

What do you think the artist was thinking when he painted it?

What do you like about this painting?

Write the answers on the board .

Have the students get the words out and compare the text to how many common attributes there are between the text and the comments on the board. Ask students to find things in common with the text and the photo.

Sing the song to end class.