

# Pixel Pointillism



# You Will Need ...

Desktop computer /laptop /  
netbook / tablet

- Software: Windows Paint  
(alternatives include Doodle  
Buddy for iPads and PicsArt for  
Android tablets)

Computing Task pictures  
(separate file)

# Introducing Pointillism

## What is Pointillism?

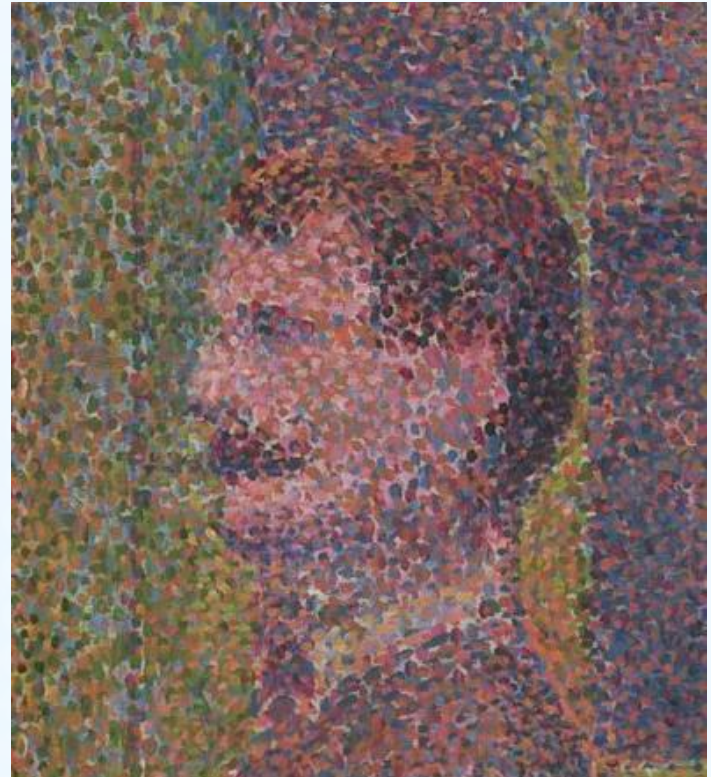
Pointillism is a type of painting that makes a picture using lots of colourful dots.

The first artists started to use it in the 1880s.

Close up, it can look messy and can be difficult to tell what the picture is of.

If you look at it from a distance, your mind blends the different colour dots together to form a clear picture – clever!

Modern day televisions and screens use the same technique to make all the different colours you see on them.



*La Parade by Georges Seurat*

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## Georges Seurat

Georges Seurat was a French painter who lived between 1859 and 1891.

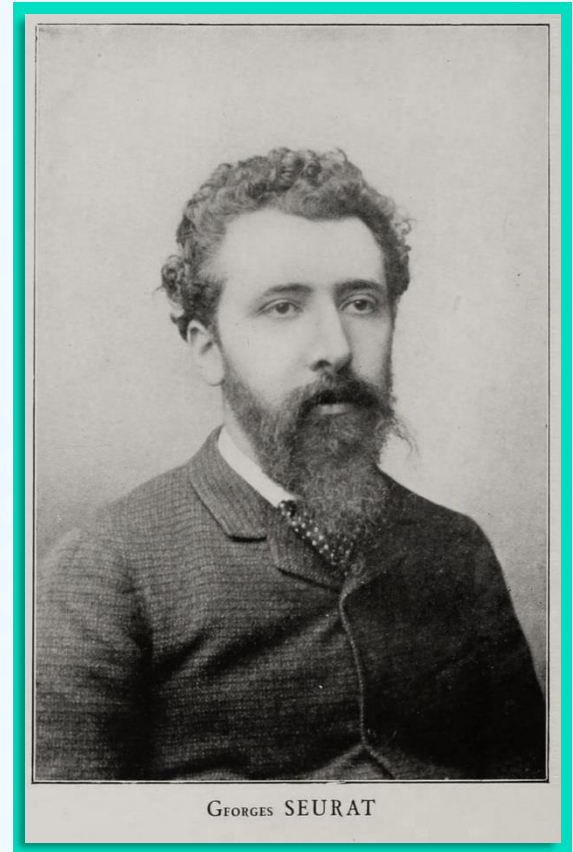


He went to some different art schools where he learnt to paint in a traditional manner.

He tried different styles of painting, but some people did not like it.

He spent two years producing his famous pointillist painting: *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* (1884-85).

[Click on the image of Seurat to see his painting.](#)



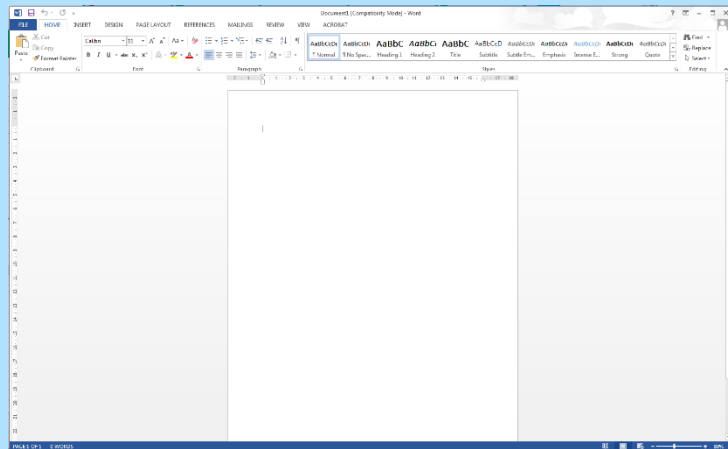


# Creating Computer Art

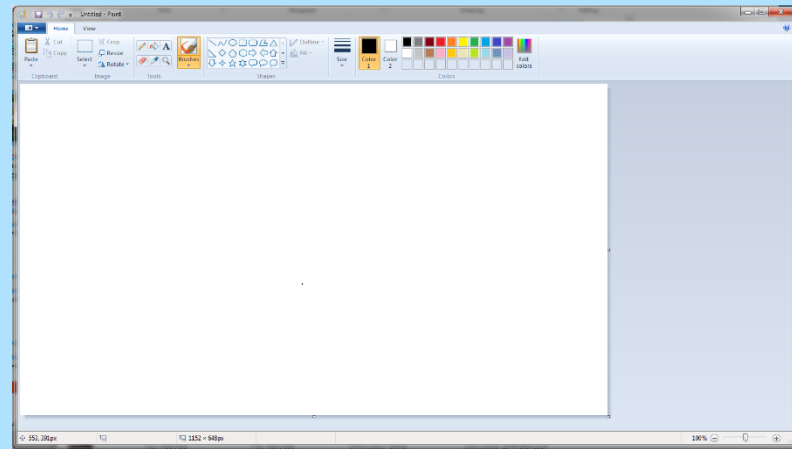


Have you created art using a computer before?  
Which program or app did you use? Why?

MS Word



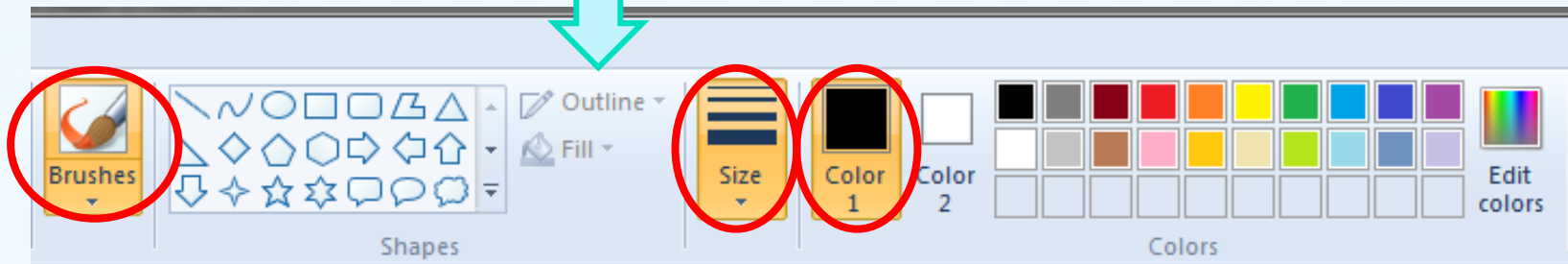
MS Paint



Which of these programs can we use for creating art?  
Which is best and why?

# Which Tools?

This is what we call a toolbar.



It shows you what tool you are using and any important information (like size or colour).

For this lesson you will need keep the brushes selection the same as it is the only one that allows you to make dots.

You will need to select the right colour for Colour 1 - Colour 2 should stay white.

You will need to select the size of the dot you will use.

# Producing Pointillism



Now it's your turn to produce a piece of pointillism!

Look at the picture you have been given.  
Can you use dots on the computer to recreate the picture?

## Things to think about:

- What colours are you going to use – remember that Seurat used lots of colours.
- Are you just making dots? Make sure you click for each one and then you don't end up with lines. Change the size of the dot as necessary.
- Take your time and make sure your work is completely dotty!

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