

The Sower, Vincent Van Gogh 1888, Arles, France

"Sow a thought and reap an action.

Sow an action and reap a habit.

Sow a habit and reap a character.

Sow character and reap a destiny."

- 1. What is the title of the painting, the artist and the date of the work?
- 2. What does the word 'sower' mean?
- 3. What can you find out about the artist?
- 4. Describe the scene that the artist has portrayed.
- 5. What can you see in the background?
- 6. What can you tell about the person represented?
- 7. What story could be told about the painting?
- 8. How would you describe the style? e.g. realistic, abstract, distorted
- 9. How would you describe the use of colour?
- 10. What Biblical story can you relate to this painting?
- 11. What does the Bible say about sowing and reaping?
- 12.In your own words, explain the meaning of the text that accompanies the painting.