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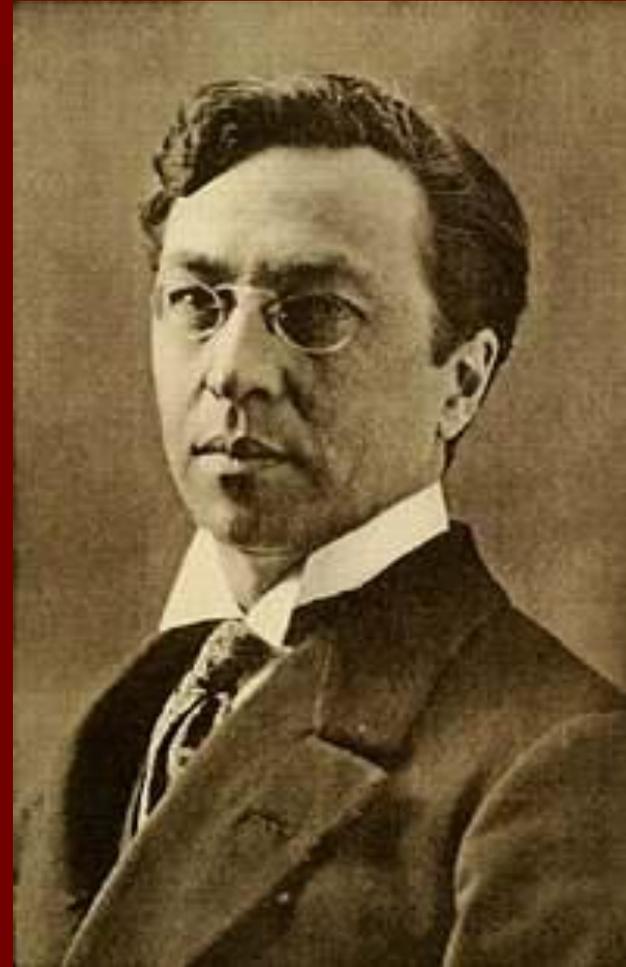
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Kandinsky was born in  
Moscow, Russia.

In his early life, he studied and  
taught law and economics.

He started painting when  
he was 30 years old.

Kandinsky later moved from  
Russia to Germany, and then  
eventually to France.



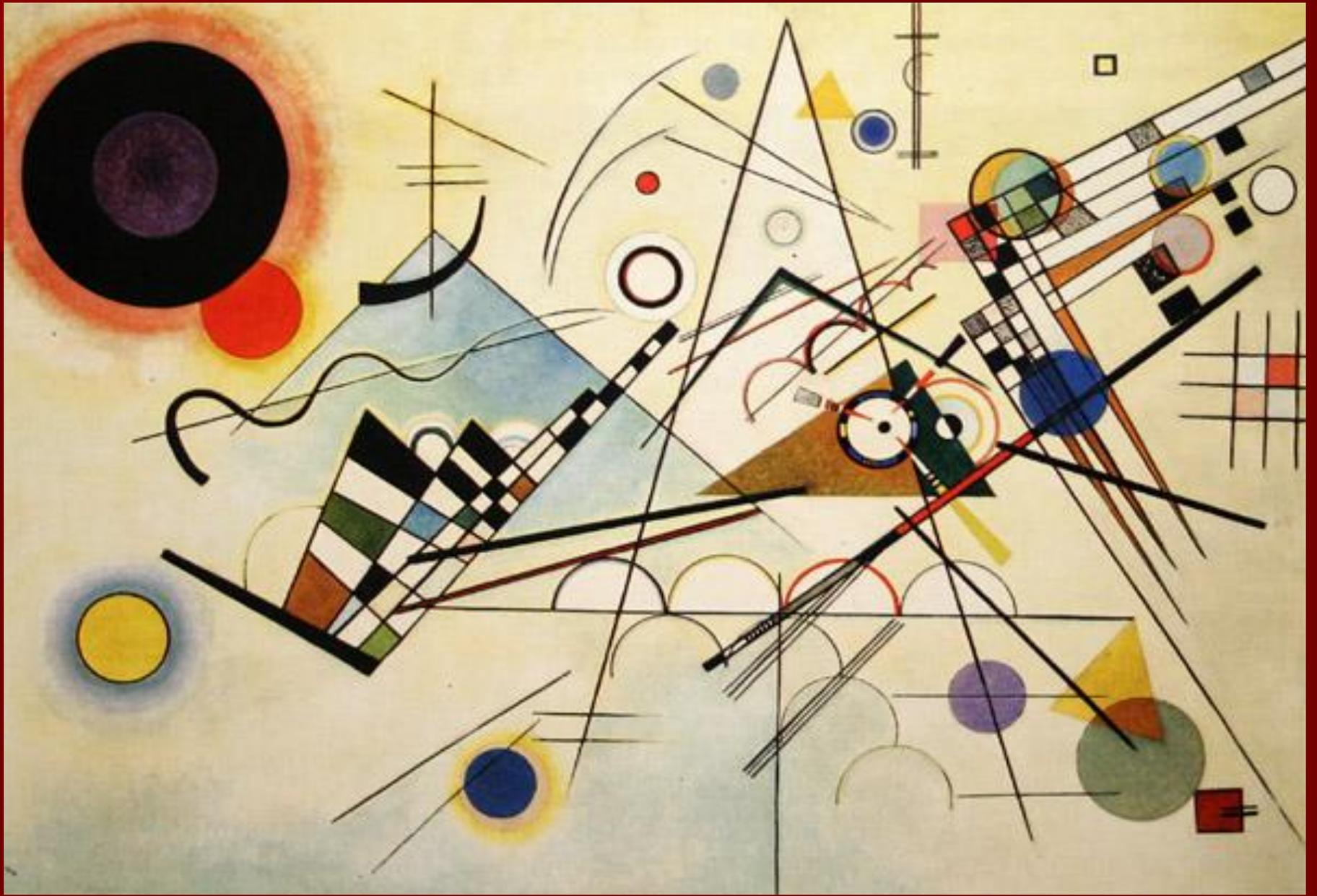
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Wassily Kandinsky is known for creating the first works of art that were completely abstract.

He did not think his paintings needed to show anything from reality.

His art was an expression of line, shape, and color. Much of his art was inspired by music.



**"Composition VIII". 1923**



At an early age Kandinsky exhibited a special gift called Synaesthesia Cognate, which allows a person to appreciate sounds and colors with two or more senses simultaneously. This gift therefore gave him the ability “see sounds” and “hear colors”.





Kandinsky painted feelings, not people or things. He often painted while listening to music. His favorite music was Richard Wagner and Jazz. He tried to paint what the music made him feel.

**"Non-objective".  
1910**





**"Red Oval". 1920**

The shapes he was most interested in were the circle, triangle and rectangle. He thought the triangle would cause aggressive feelings, the square would cause calm feelings, and the circle would cause spiritual feelings.



**"Improvisation 28". 1912**





**"Composition VII". 1913**

Kandinsky will be the inspiration for your next project.

You will listening to music while you work and will only use elements of art such as value, color, line, and shape in an abstract and expressive way.



**"Black Grid".  
1922**