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Identify the appositive phrases in the sentences below.

1. Vincent Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, my very favorite painting of all time, hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in New York.
2. A painter of international fame and repute, Van Gogh is most famously remembered for supposedly cutting his ear off.
3. In reality, the incident was probably an injury from a fight with his friend, the famous painter Paul Gauguin.
4. Gauguin, a great fencer, apparently cut Van Gogh's ear off during a heated argument.
5. People believe that Van Gogh, apparently a very forgiving man, said he cut his own ear off.
6. Whatever the case, Van Gogh, the premiere painter of Post-Impressionism, left a legacy of great art.
7. *The Starry Night*, Van Gogh's most famous work, was completed very quickly.
8. In fact, Van Gogh painted on prepared canvases, pieces of fabric already stretched and toned at a factory.
9. Fastidious craftsmen, most artists of the day stretched and toned their own canvases for painting.
10. Van Gogh's letters to Theo, his brother and art dealer, reveal just how quickly he created some of the world's masterpieces.