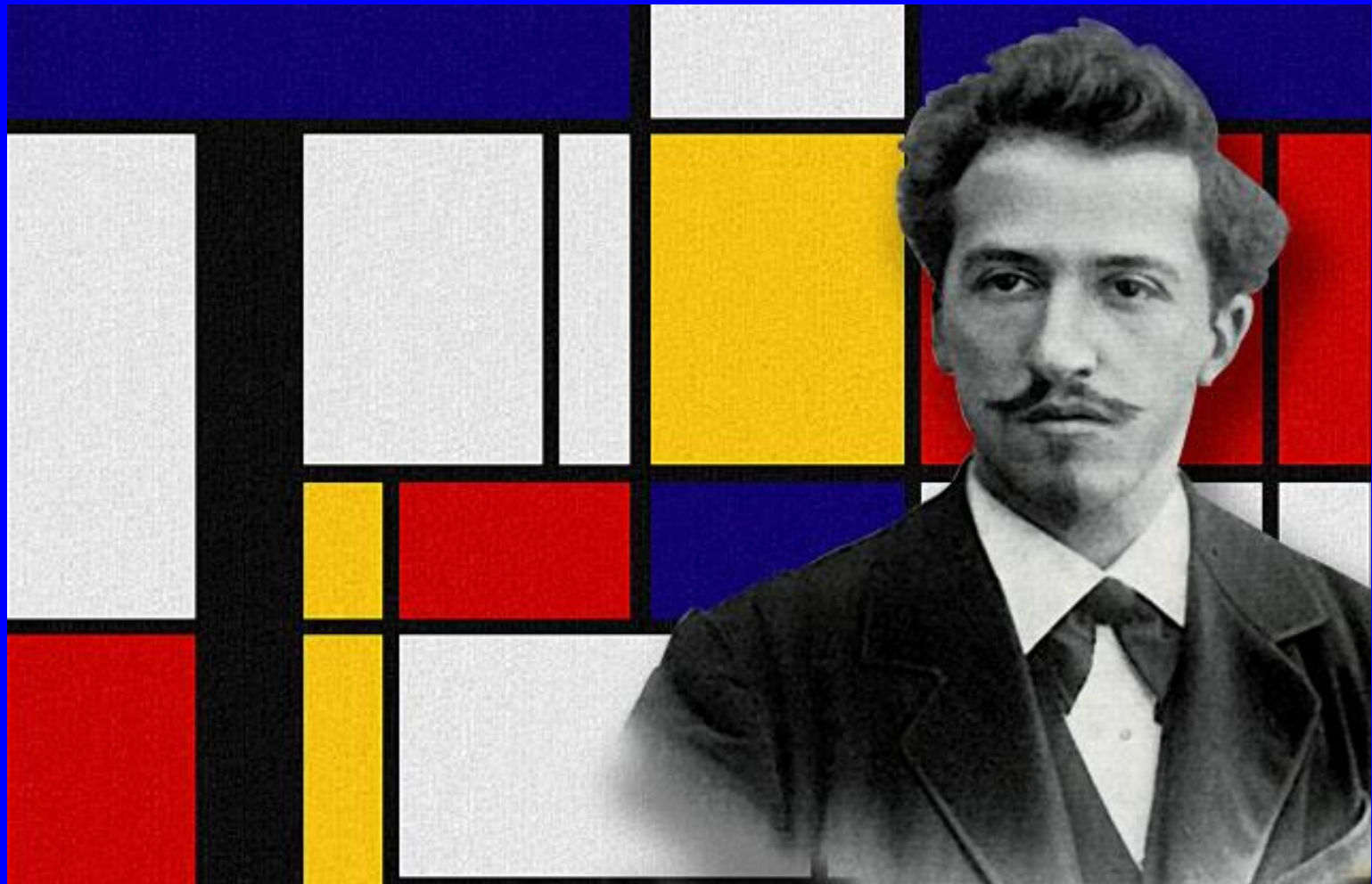
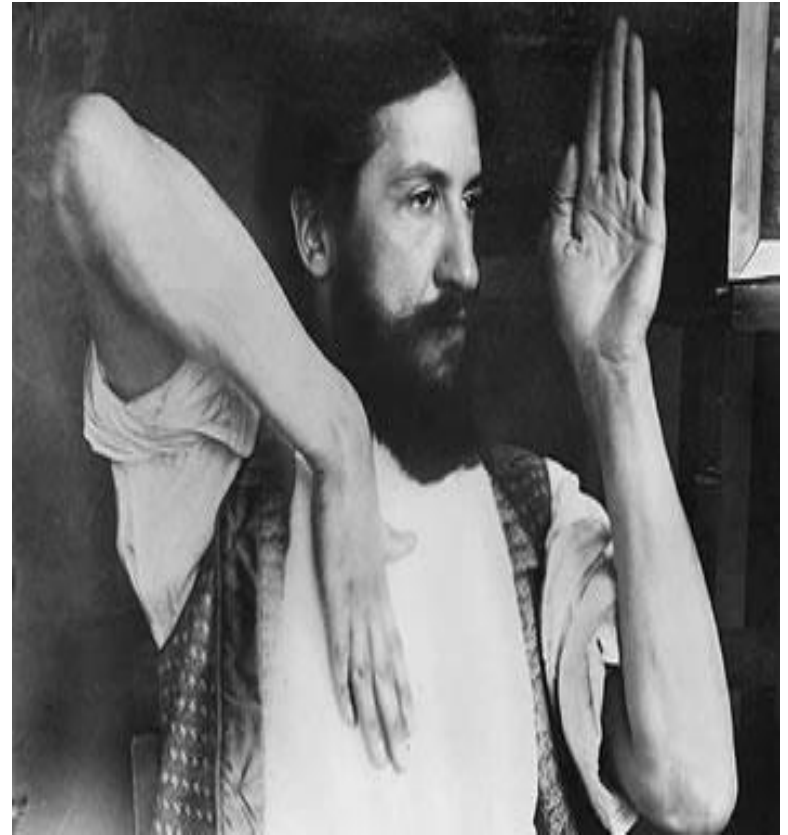


Piet Mondrian

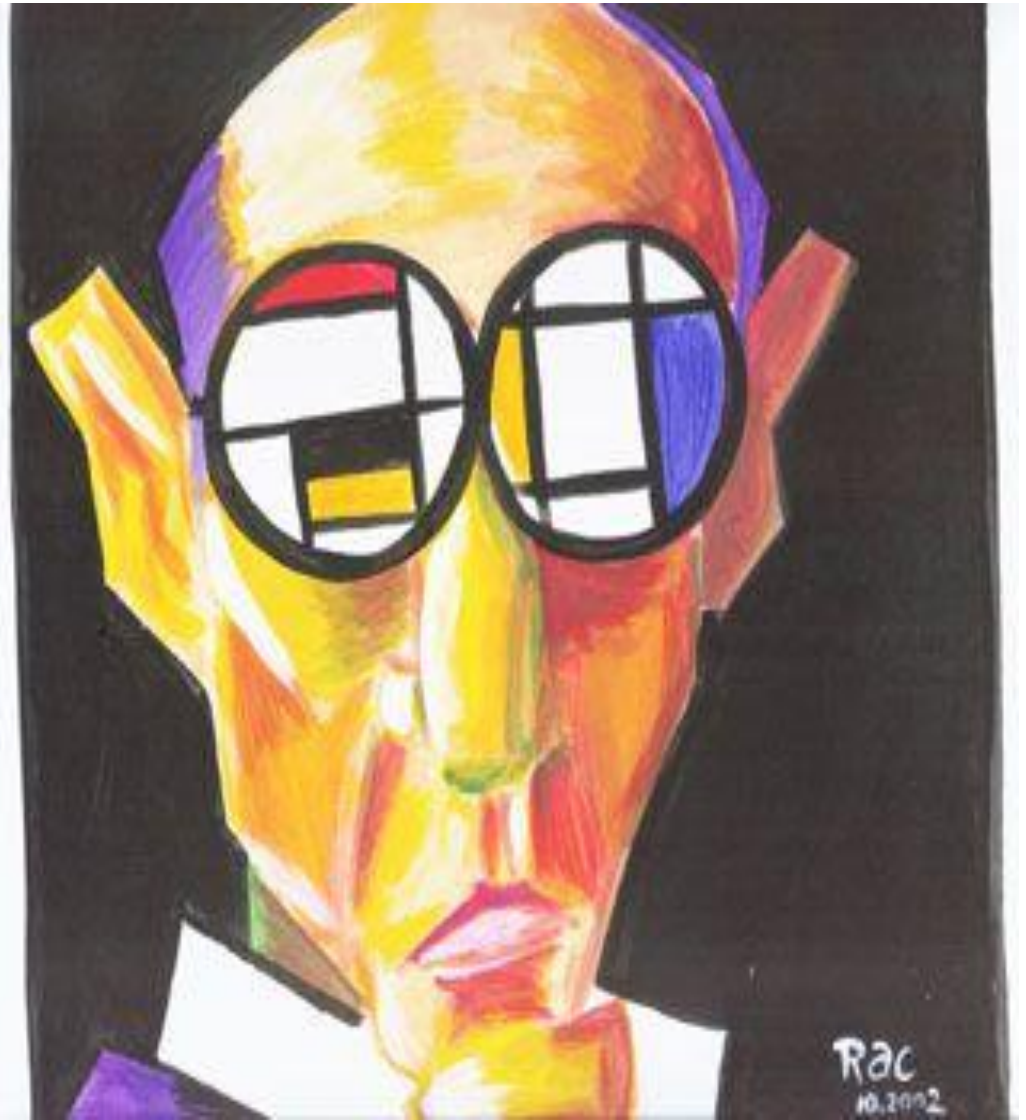


Piet Mondrian was a Dutch artist born on 7th March 1872 in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. From a very young age, Piet Mondrian was exposed to art. His father was a qualified art instructor and his uncle was an artist.



**Pieter
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Piet Mondrian became a primary school teacher and he painted in his spare time. His early paintings were mainly landscapes, featuring fields, rivers and windmills.



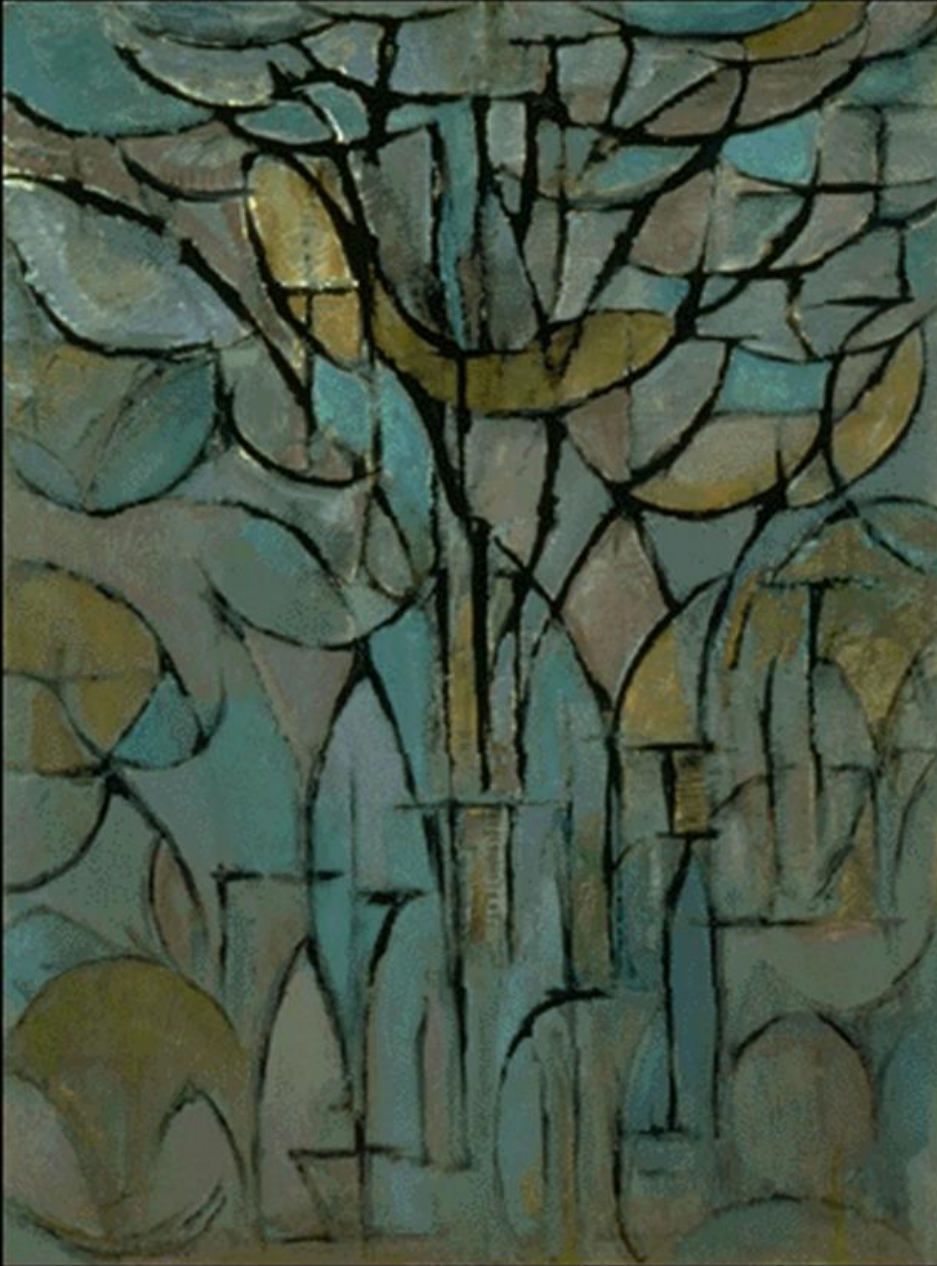




He started to **simplify** his paintings



The things he painted became less recognisable



He was more
interested in
the shapes,
and the
balance
of the
picture.

He was starting
to make his
paintings
become
abstract.

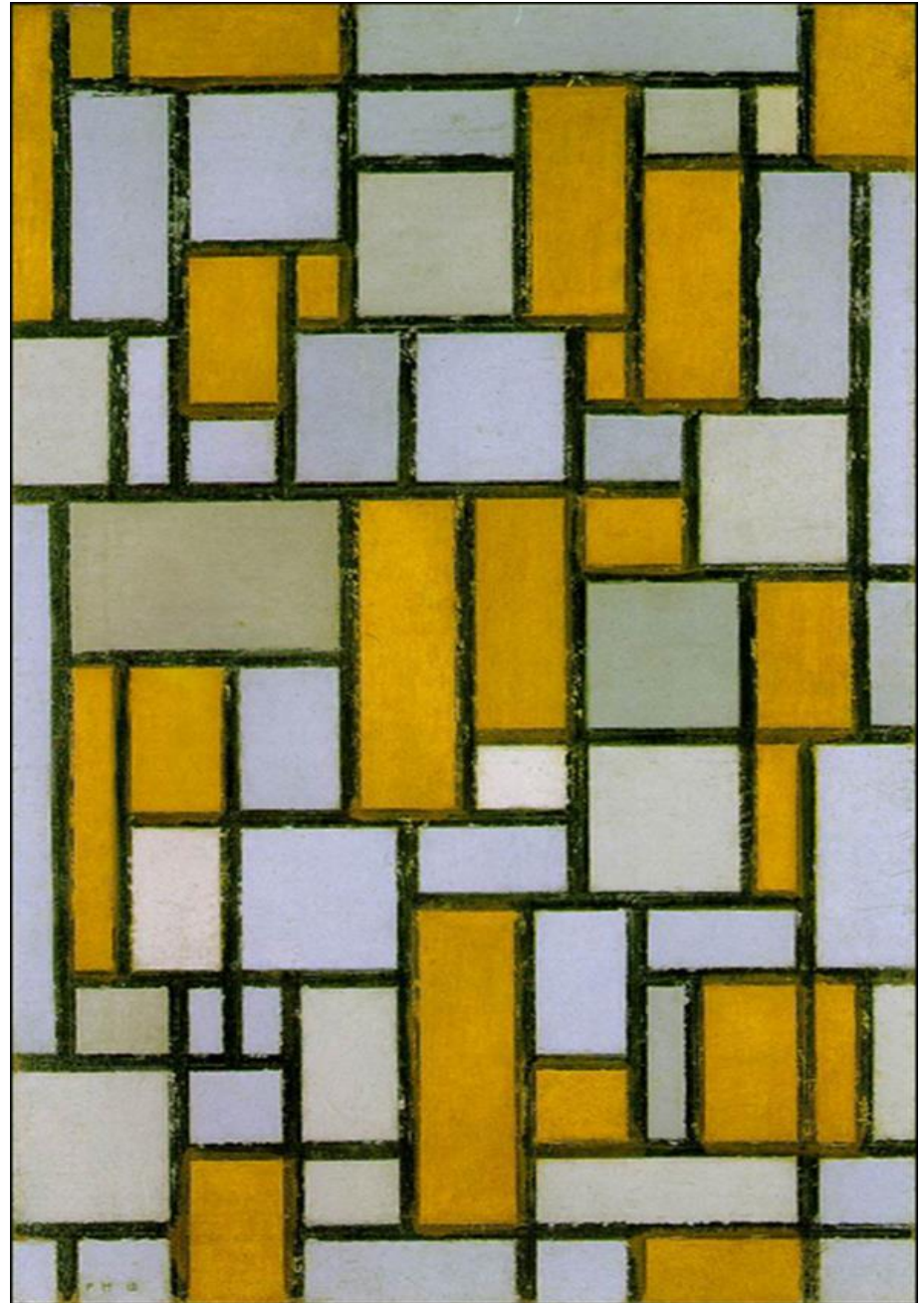
Mondrian moved to Paris in 1911. He was immediately influenced by the Cubist style of Picasso and Braque, and his work started to incorporate more geometric shapes, moving away from being purely naturalistic.



He returned to the Netherlands for the duration of the First World War.

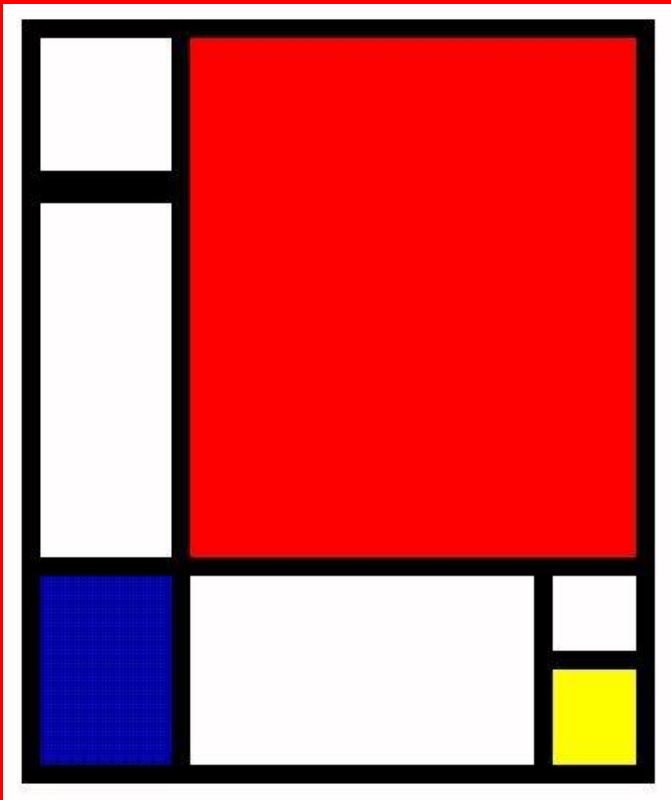
He met the artist Bart van der Leek, who only used primary colours in his paintings. Mondrian started to develop his own painting theory and style.

He arrived finally at a style in which he limited himself to vertical and horizontal lines.



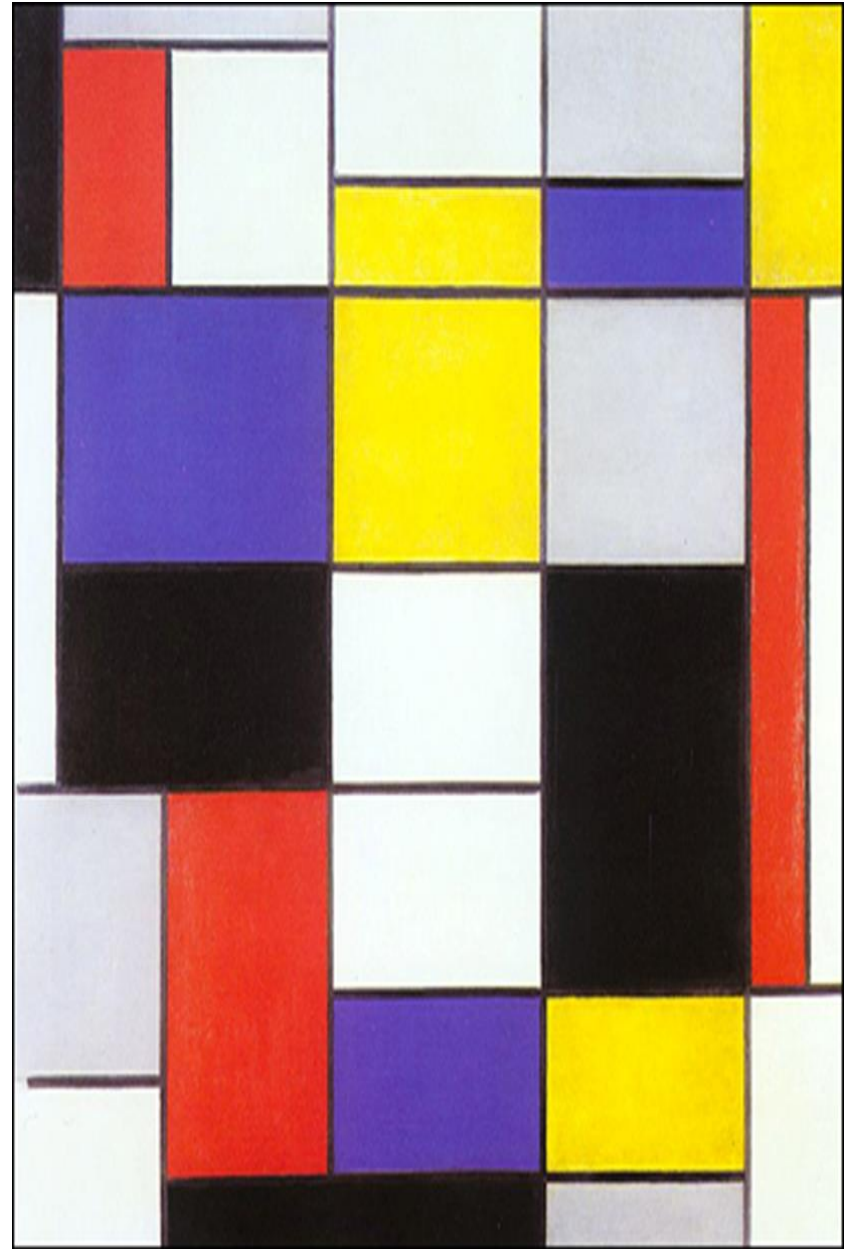
RED YELLOW BLUE

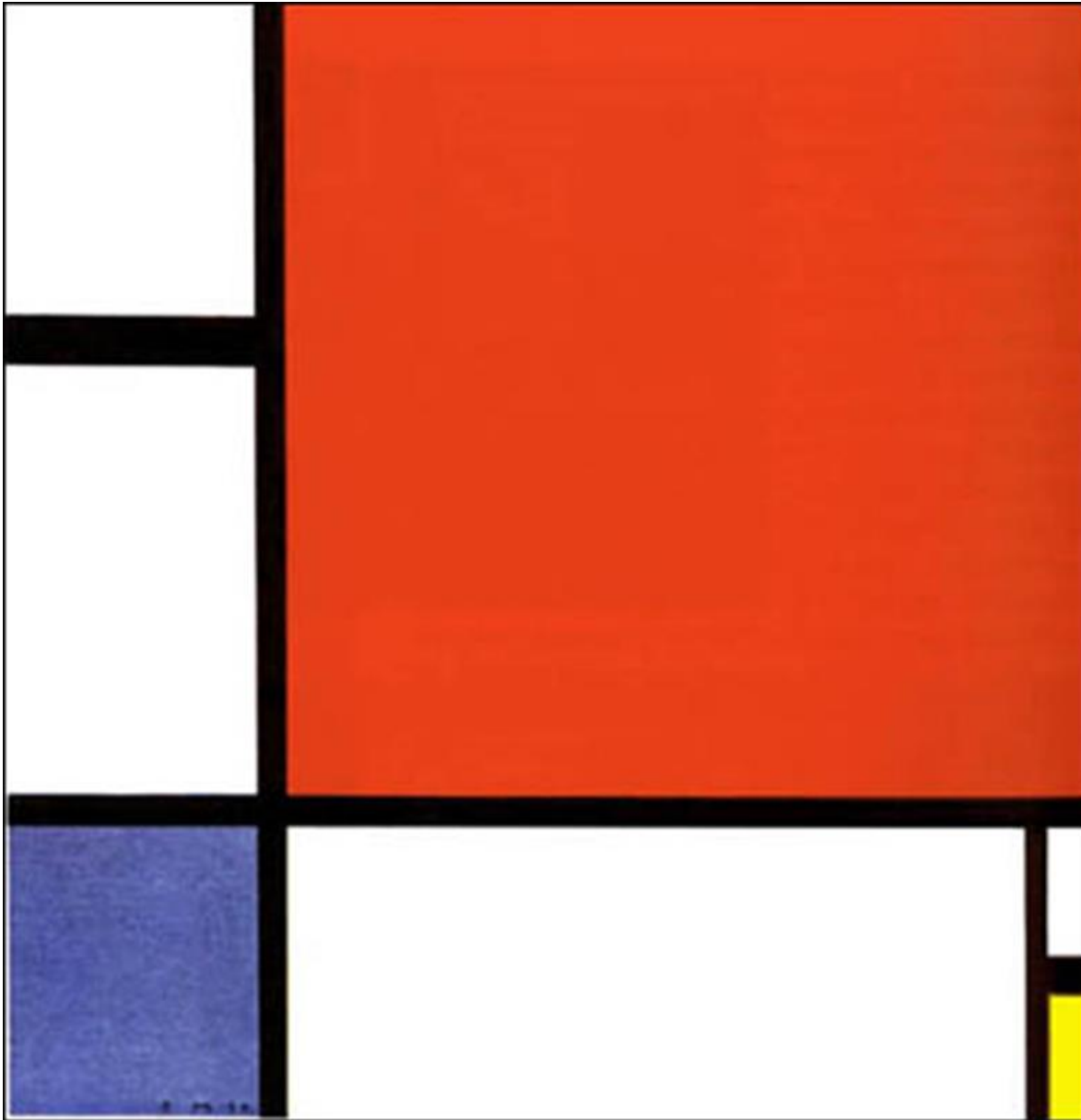
The Primary Colors



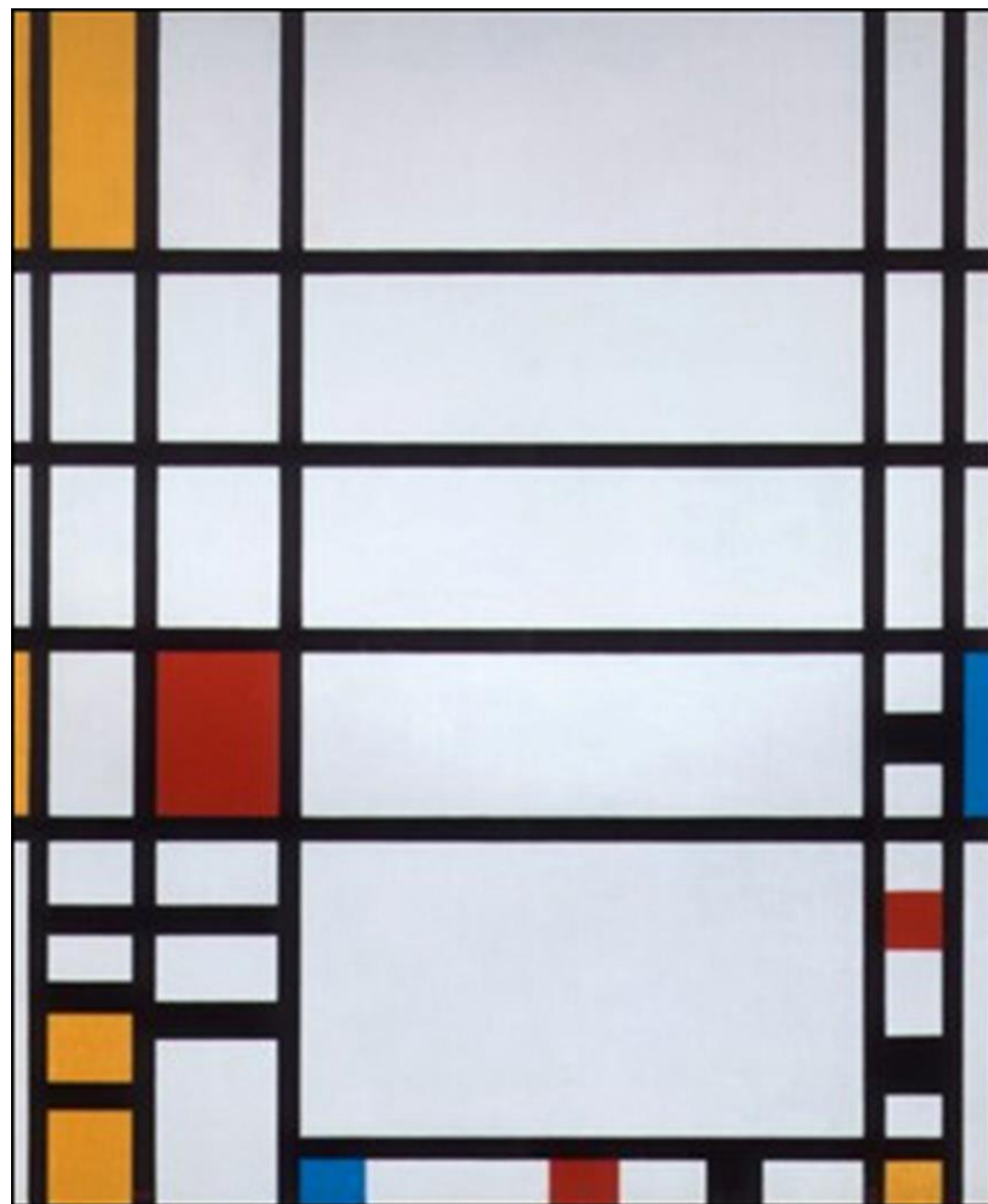
Mondrian used only the primary colors because he felt that they created the strongest and purest contrasts.

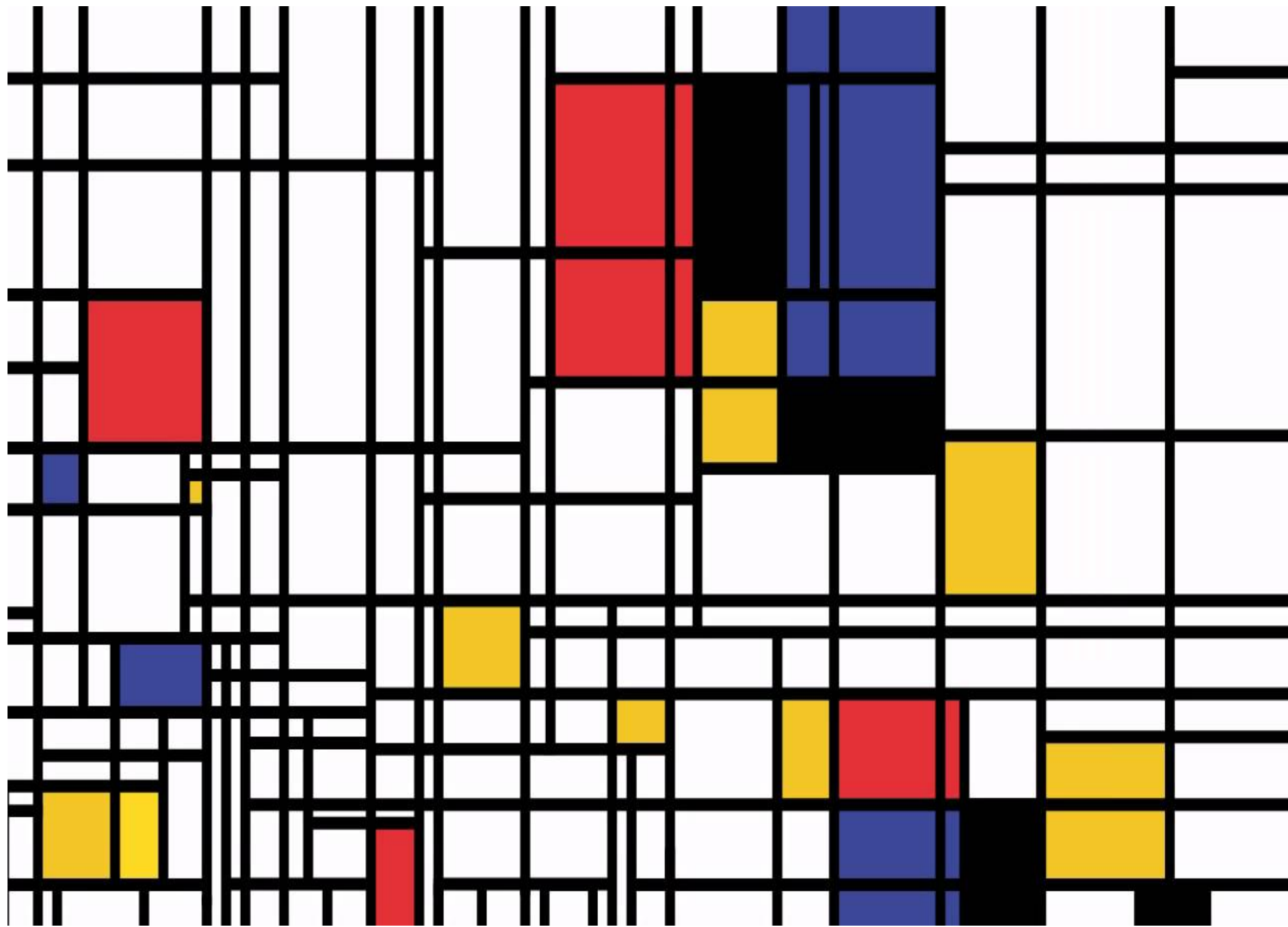
He then
started to
limit his
colour
palette
using only
primary
colours.





In perfect alignment with his contribution to modern abstract art, the name Piet Mondrian is an anagram for "I paint modern."

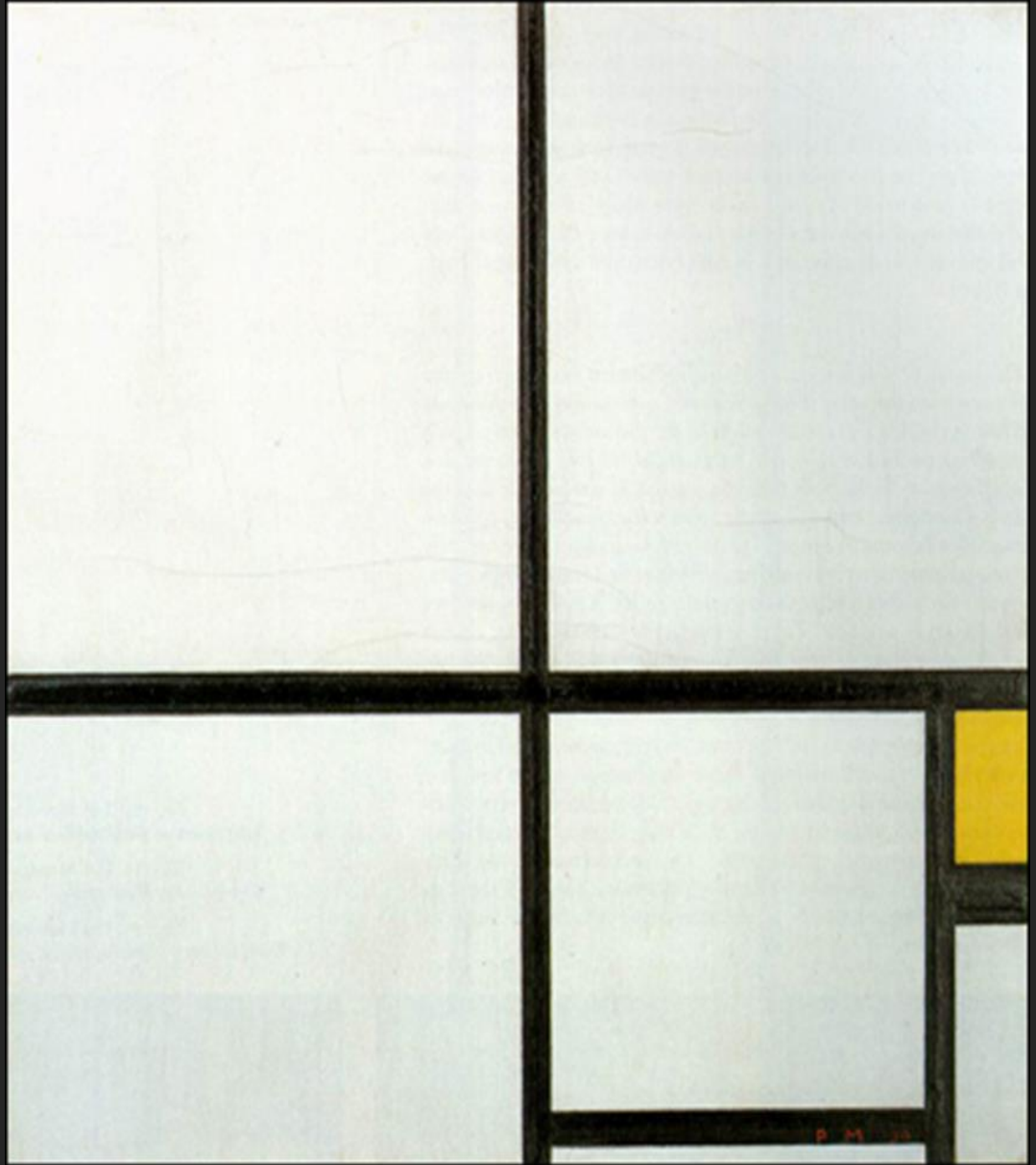


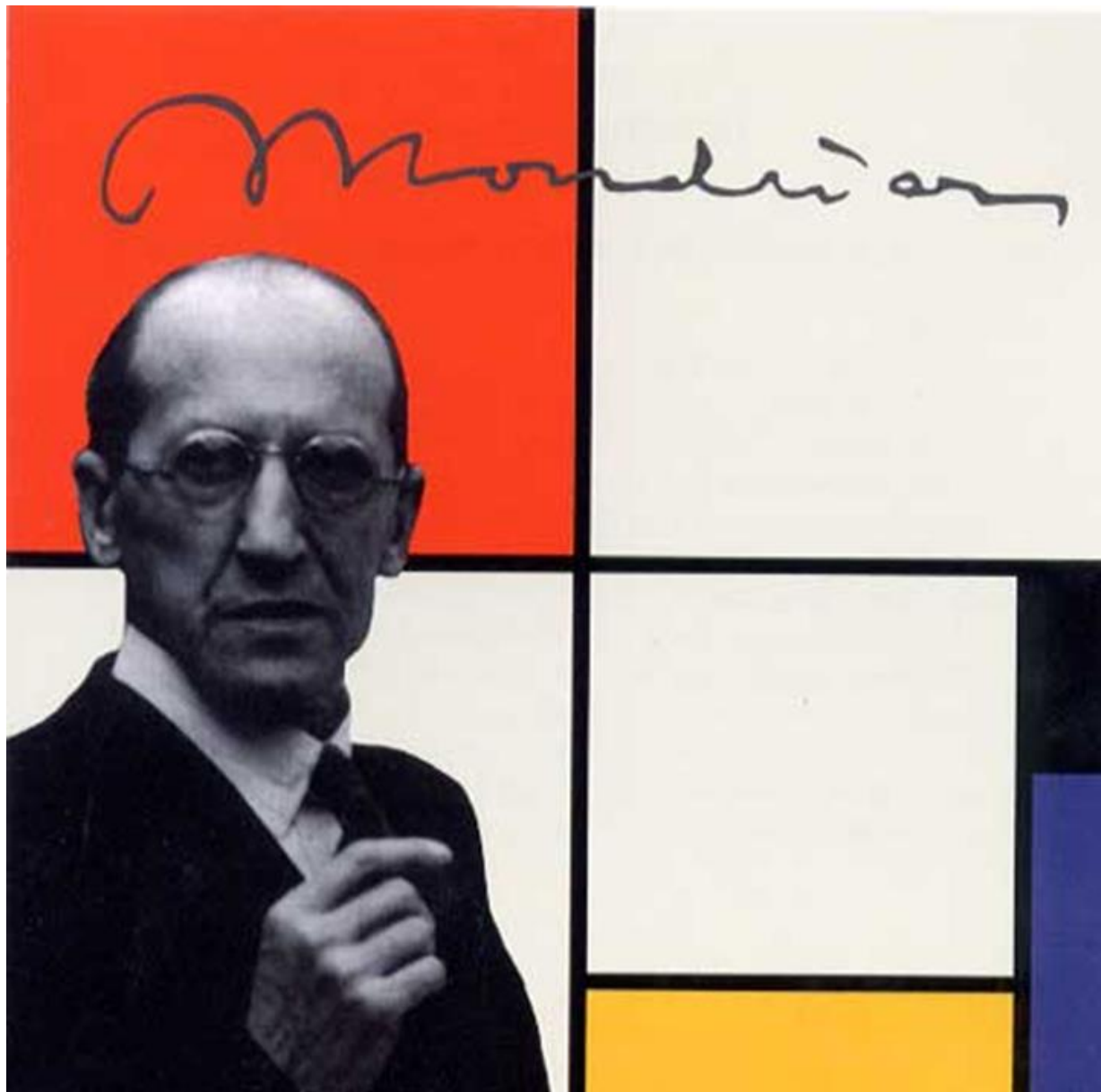


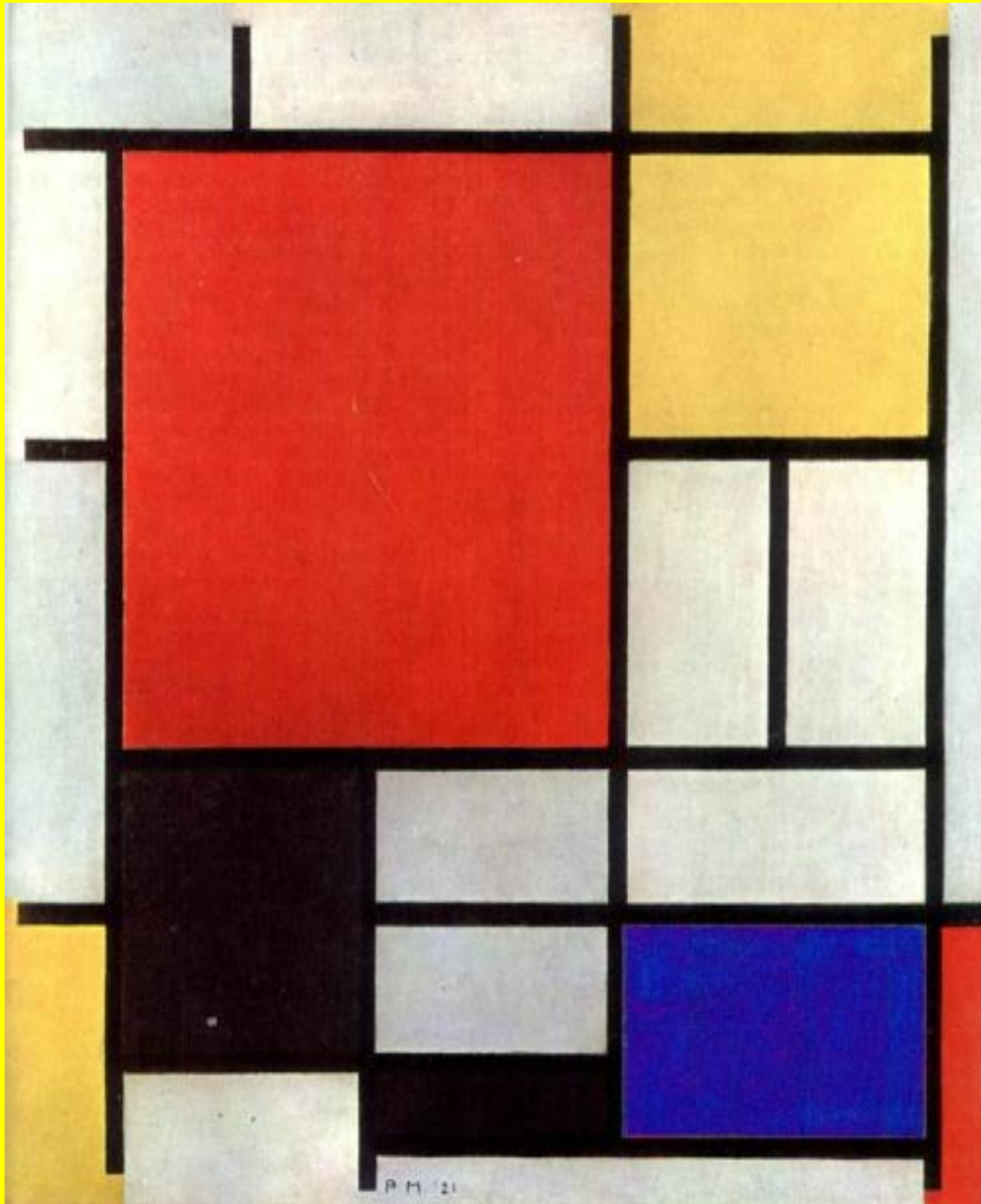
Mondrian painted LOTS of paintings in this style.

They had primary colours, black lines, and some had lots of white areas.

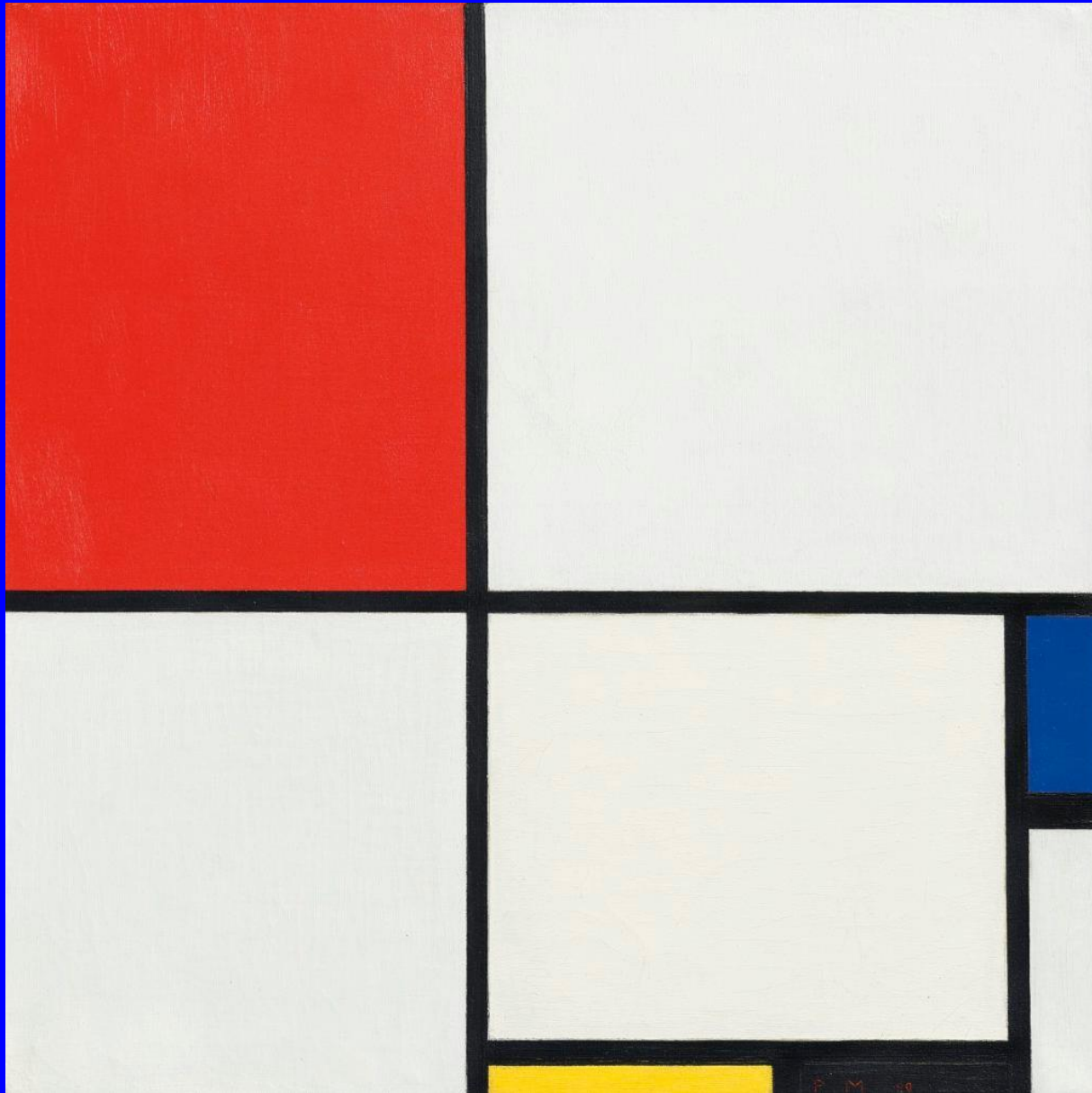
This art form became known as **Neo-Plasticism.**



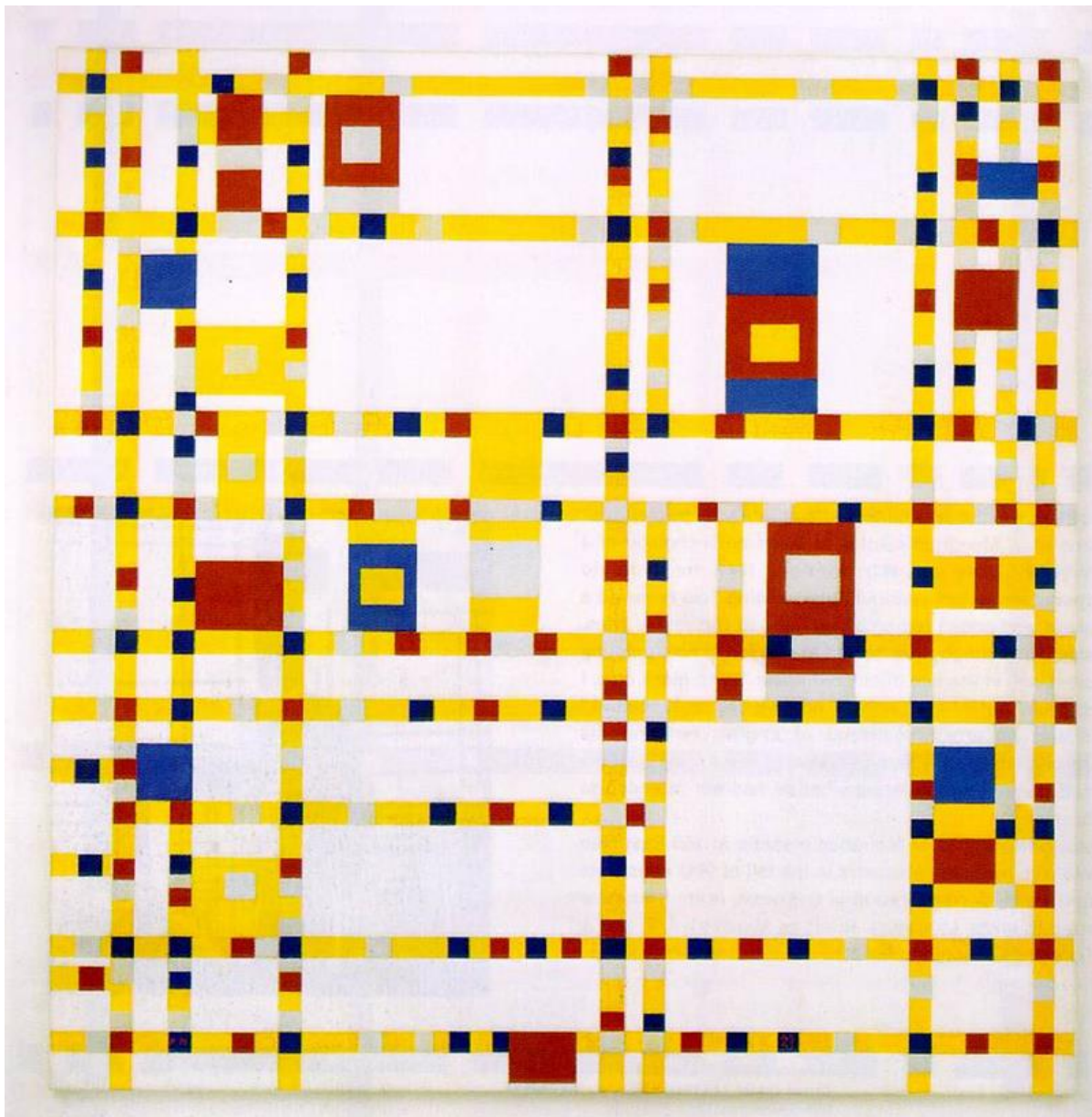


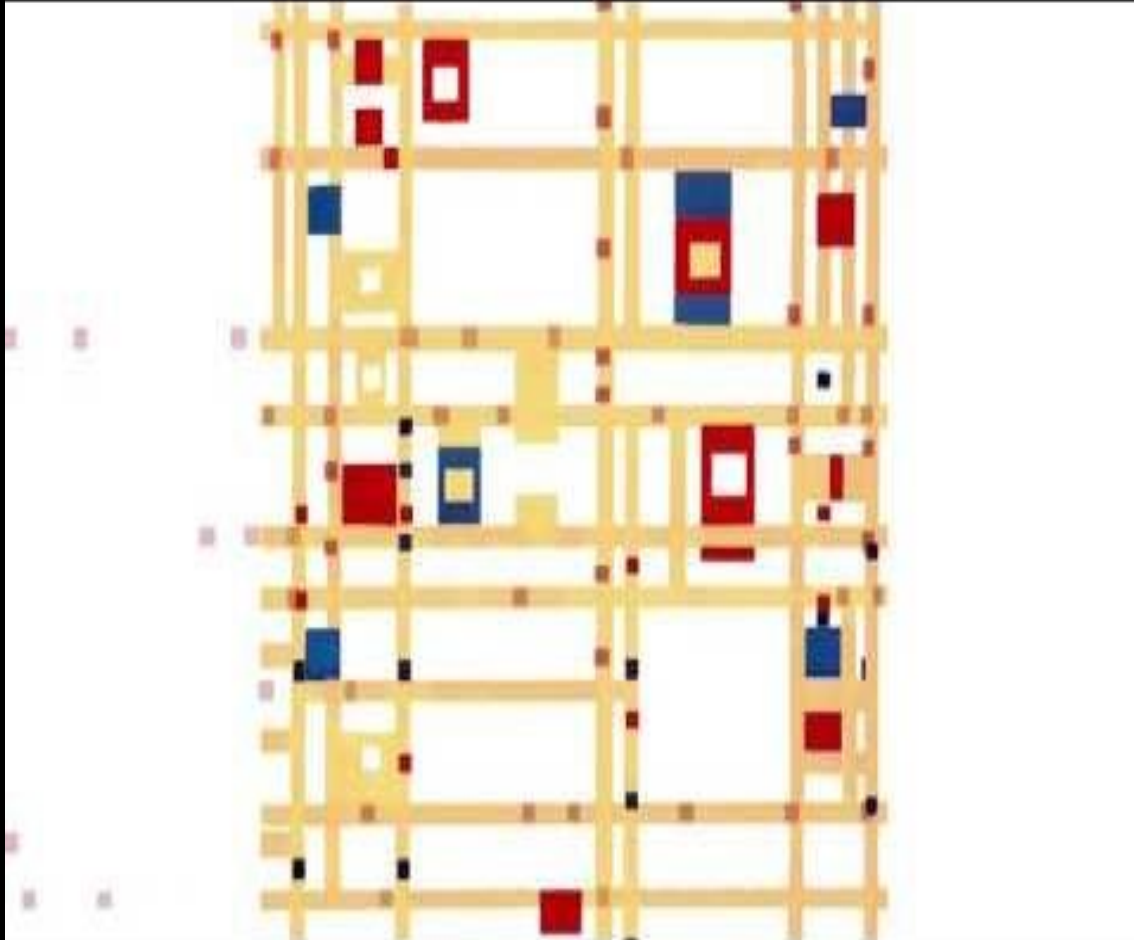


Notice how his paintings don't look like anything. They are just squares and rectangles that are only colored Red, Blue, and Yellow.



His
paintings
are very
popular &
this one
sold for
50.6
million
dollars!!





This is one of the paintings that Mondrian made after he had moved to New York.

It is called
'Broadway
Boogie Woogie'
Video clip

Piet Mondrian
died on 1st
February
1944. He had
pneumonia.
However his
influence lives
on....





Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent made his paintings famous in his designs for clothes.

