

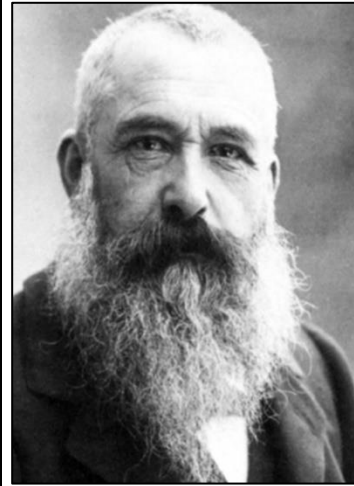


Claude MONET KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Biography

- Claude Monet was a French painter.
- Monet is one of the most famous artists of all time. He is considered a founder of Impressionism, and is well-known for his landscape paintings.
- He is most famous for paintings such as *Impression: Sunrise*, *Water Lilies* and *Haystacks*, and also for developing the Cubism movement.
- The title of the painting *Impression, Sunrise* is thought to have triggered the term 'Impressionism.'
- Monet enjoyed capturing the French countryside, often painting the same scene many times to show changes in light and seasons.



-Monet lived between 1840 and 1926. He was born in Paris, but spent much of his long life in the northern French village of Giverny.

Significant Works

Impression, Sunrise (1872)



-*Impression, Sunrise* is often credited with inspiring the impressionist movement.
-It shows the port of Le Harve – Monet's hometown at the time. The two small boats in the foreground and the red sun are the main subjects.
-Features of industry are shown in the background, billowing chimneys and a hazy sky.

Water Lilies (1919)



-*Water Lilies* is one of Monet's most well-known paintings. It is a part of a series on water lilies.
-It is one of his larger paintings, measuring 101 x 200cm, and is an oil-on-canvas.
-At the time of producing this, Monet was already 70 years old, and mainly painted the natural beauty in his own garden and pond in Giverny.
-The paintings demonstrate Monet's interest in natural beauty, and how it changes in light.

Haystacks (1891)



-*Haystacks* is a part of a 25-canvas series of paintings showing harvested wheat near Giverny.
-The series is a famous example of how Monet repeated the same subject to show different light and atmosphere across seasons, times & weather. Whilst the subject matter appears mundane, it was carefully chosen to highlight these variances.

Key Vocabulary

- Monet
- France
- Paris
- Giverny
- Le Harve
- Landscape
- Atmosphere
- Moment
- Light
- Impressionism
- Impression, Sunrise
- Water Lilies
- Haystacks
- Oil-on-canvas

Styles and Techniques

Impressionism

- Monet is perhaps the most famous impressionist artist. Some even view him as the creator of the movement.
- Impressionists peaked in the mid-to-late 19th Century, and aimed to create a 'moment in time' – particularly focusing on how light and movement were presented.
- Impressionists often focused on unusual angles of everyday subjects, working quickly (before the 'moment' changed too drastically).
- Before, this, artists often chose to paint grand scenes (like battles or stories) and so this was seen as unusual.
- Impressionist paintings also aim to show movement.
- Impressionists like Monet often painted the same subject (often landscapes) at several different times of the day, seasons of the year, and in different weather.
- Alongside Monet, a number of other Paris-based artists were leaders in the impressionist movement.



Colour Palette

- In order to so vividly depict light and seasons, Monet developed a renowned use of colour.
- Unlike the landscape artists that went before, Monet had a preference for using light colours as the base for his paintings, as opposed to dark primers.
- He painted on canvasses that were white or grey. Close studies show that colours were used either straight from the tube or mixed on the canvass.



How do I paint like Monet?

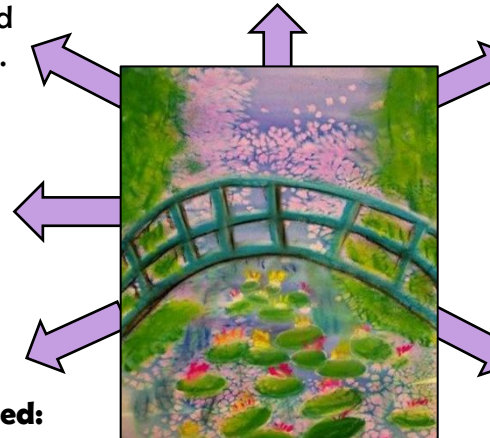
Step 2: On your drawing paper, use your watercolour paints to create the lighter background features (e.g. sky).

Step 3: Darken your watercolour mix and add the shading, where necessary. Think about how this changes the moment.

Step 4: Use your oil pastels (or crayons) to add in the features in the foreground (e.g. bridges, trees, boats, etc.) Consider how the colour of these subjects is impacted by light/atmosphere.

Step 1: Use your digital camera/ smartphone to capture the same landscape during different times/ weather.

Things you'll need:
Drawing paper, watercolour paints, oil pastel, pencil, smart phone/digital camera.



A child's Monet-inspired impressionist landscape

Step 5: Once your piece is complete, try to paint the same subject in a different moment (using your photos). How can you change the light/ atmosphere?

Monet Timeline

14th November 1840 Born Oscar-Claude Monet in Paris, France.	1845 With his family, moves to the Normandy region of France.	1856 Begins taking painting lessons. Begins to paint the outdoors.	1870 Marries Camille Doncieux, who becomes his muse.	1871-72 Moves to the Netherlands, and then back to France. Paints <i>Impression, Sunrise</i> .	1879-92 In 1879 Camille dies. In 1892, Monet marries Alice Hoschede.	1883 Moves to Giverny, which becomes the subject of his painting.	1897 Begins his <i>Water Lilies</i> series.	1908-11 Travels to Venice with Alice. In 1811, Alice dies.	1816-19 Creates his larger <i>Water Lilies</i> works.	5th December 1926 Monet dies of lung cancer, aged 86.
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