



European Masters

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Oscar Claude Monet

Born: 14 November 1840

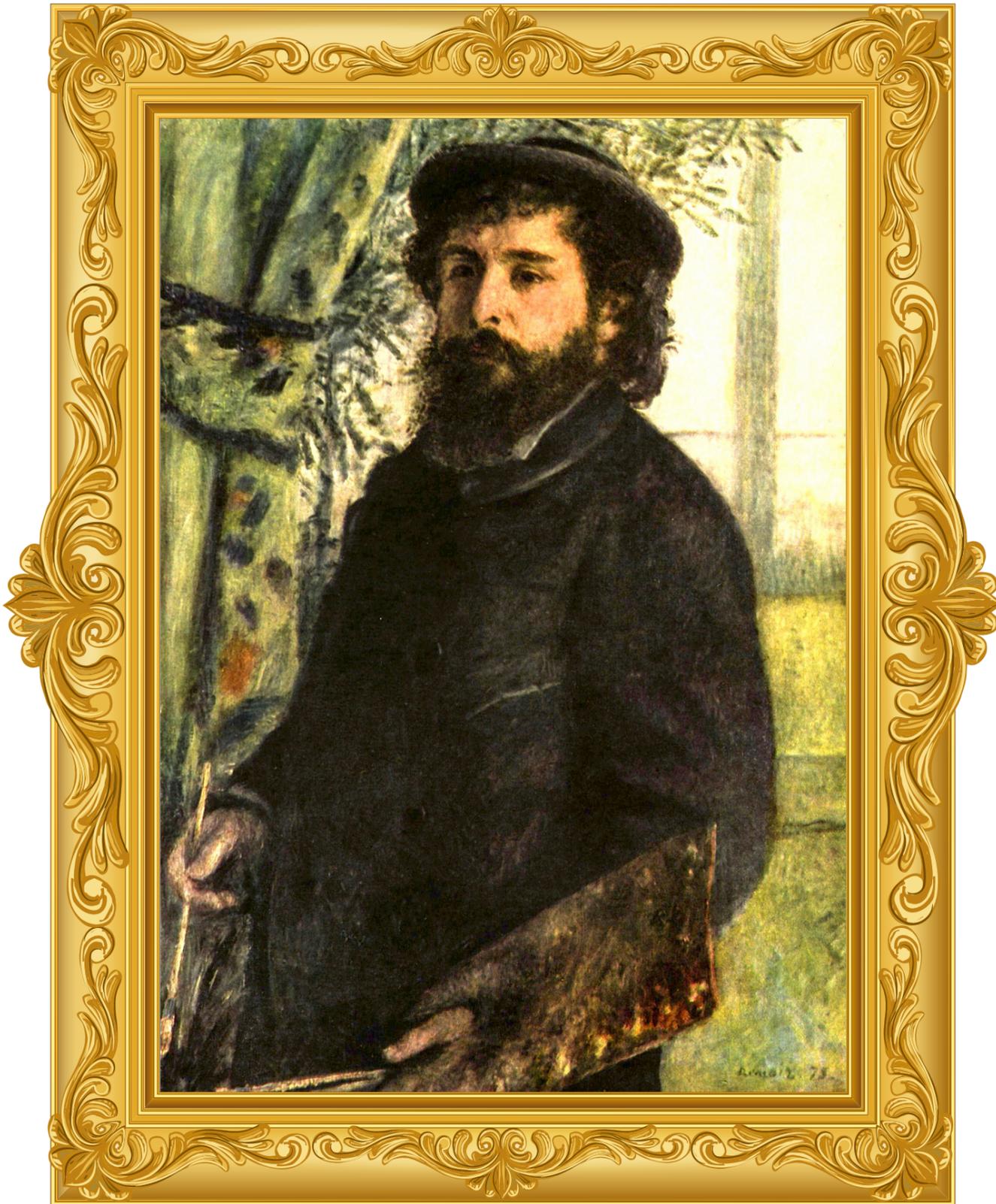
Died: 5 December 1926

Style: Impressionist

Monet was a French painter. He was the founder of the Impressionist movement which was named after one of his paintings : "Impression, Sunrise".

He is well known for his paintings of outdoor subjects. He painted numerous landscapes, seascapes and scenes of every day life.

He is probably best known for his series of paintings "Water Lilies" painted between 1906-26 in his gardens at Giverny.



*"Portrait of the painter Claude Monet" by Renoir. 1875,
Oil on canvas, 85 X 60.5 cm (33.5 X 23.8 in)
Now at Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France.*

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Woman with a Parasol, Madame Monet and her Son

Completed: about 1875

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 100 x 81 cm (39.4 X 31.9 in)

Located: National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. USA

This painting is of Monet's wife Camille and their son Jean. Once again, lighting and freely applied brush strokes are the key features that create the mood for this painting.

Monet's brush strokes create the impression of movement. You can almost feel the wind sweeping across Madame Monet's skirt as she turns and looks toward her husband for an instant before continuing on her walk. Monet has captured a snapshot of a family day out.

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Houses of Parliament, London, Sun Breaking Through the Fog

Completed: 1904

Medium: Oil on Canvas

Dimensions: 81 x 92 cm (31 7/8 x 36 1/4 in)

Located: Musee d'Orsay, Paris

Monet painted a series of three paintings of the Houses of Parliament while in London. Each captured different light conditions.

In this one he used rich reds, blues and yellows with brush strokes that create an amazing atmospheric picture.

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Water Lilies and Japanese Bridge



Date Completed: 1899

Medium: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 90.5 x 89.7 cm. (35 5/8 x 35 5/16 in.)

Location: Art Museum, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA

Monet painted approximately 250 paintings of the water lily ponds in his garden at Giverny. Today these paintings are held by museums and galleries all over the world. Some are massive and take up whole walls!

In 2008, one of his water lily paintings sold for £41 million at Christie's Auction House in London.