



Claude Monet

Impressionist

Born Nov. 14, 1840
in Paris

Preferred to
paint landscapes

Most famous
for his 250
lily paintings



Claude Monet was born in Paris November 14th, 1840. He grew up in the French port of Le Havre. As a child, Monet hated school but had a talent for drawing. His grocer father hoped he would take after him and become a grocer—but instead, he went on to study art in Paris. Monet wasn't much better at art school, he said it was too stuffy and old fashioned.

Monet constantly tried to capture the changing of light. He often painted the same scene over a period of time just to show how the light changed the look and cast different shadows.



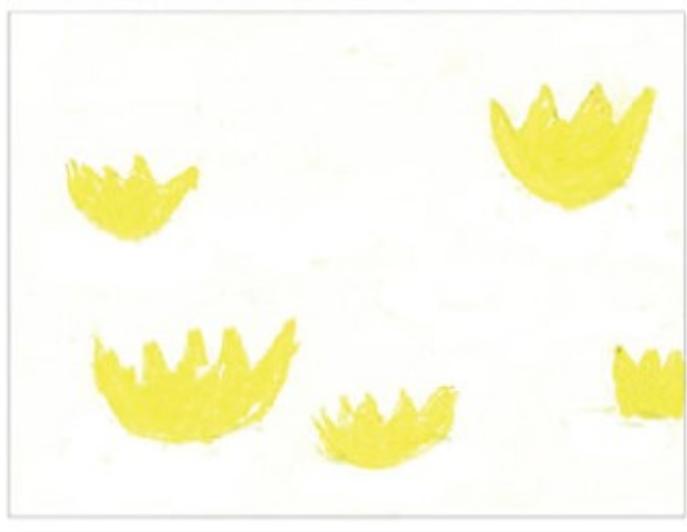
Monet studied the outdoors along with his art school friend Pierre-Auguste Renoir, but despite their best efforts they struggled to make many sales. When the war broke out in France, Monet and his wife moved to England. After the war, Monet returned to Paris, but he still struggled to sell paintings and get into official exhibits. He and his friends decided to hold their own exhibitions - thus creating the Impressionist movement.

His wife, Camille, died soon after the birth of their second child, stricken with grief, Monet threw himself into his art and moved to Giverny. His art finally started to sell and he was able to start creating his dream garden, where he could paint and study nature all day long.

Monet filled his garden with hundreds of water lilies which he painted, creating around 250 paintings. Many of which hang in museums all over the world - including the Carnegie Museum of Art.

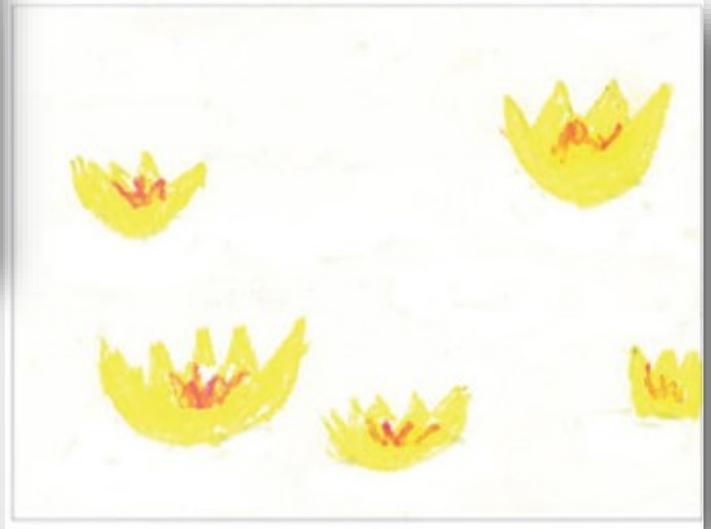
Towards the end of his life, Monet suffered from serious eye problems, but he continued to paint and work in his garden. He died December 6, 1926 at the age of 86. He is buried in the cemetery of Giverny Church.

Claude Monet's Waterlilies



1. Draw flowers and heavily color them in with yellow oil pastel

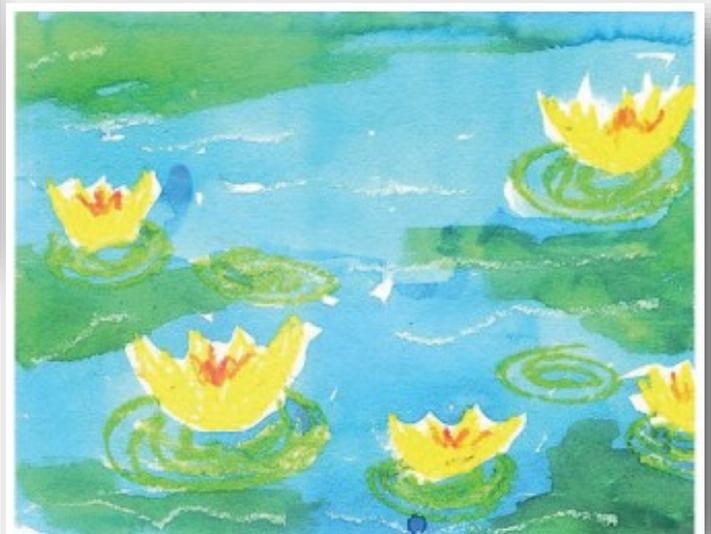
2. Add orange centers



3. Draw green lily pads around the flowers and use a white crayon to make waves in the water



4. Paint blue watercolor over the white lines, paper, and around the flowers - add green in spots and blend together



Young Artists

Book List

13 Paintings Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel

People of all ages are fascinated by Mona Lisa's beguiling smile, and Van Gogh's hypnotic night sky. These paintings and ten others are featured in the book with interesting details.



13 Artists Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel

This heavily illustrated book featuring the world's greatest painters is an excellent introduction for young readers to artists and their works.



13 Modern Artists Children Should Know by Brad Finger

From Cubism to cartoons, this book of eye-popping art and engaging activities introduces young readers to modern art. Picasso, Chagall, Calder, Lichtenstein, Hockney...



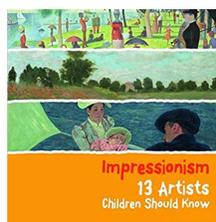
13 Art Inventions Children Should Know by Florian Heine

13 examples of some of the most important breakthroughs in artistic technology offers kids an exciting new perspective on the world of art.



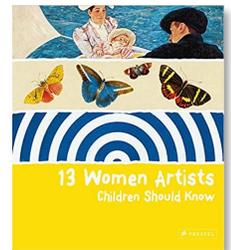
Impressionism: 13 Artists Children Should Know by Florian Heine

Presenting a variety of impressionist art, this inviting book shows young readers how painters like Claude Monet introduced impressionist styles and changed the course of art.



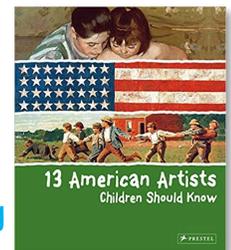
13 Women Artists Children Should Know by Bettina Shuemann

This book teaches a young audience about the works and lives of thirteen women artists through informative texts, puzzles, coloring



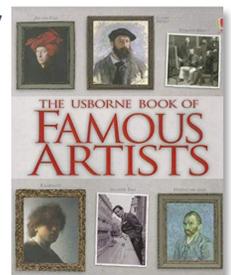
13 American Artists Children Should Know by Brad Finger

This lively introduction to some of the towering figures in American art will inspire children to dream, create, and think.



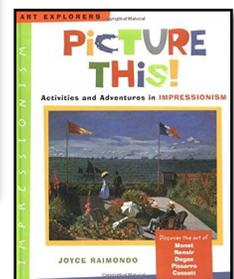
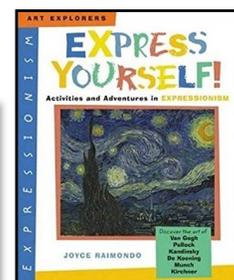
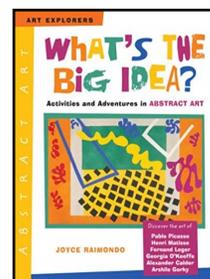
The Usborne Book of Famous Artists by Ruth Brocklehurst

Looks at the life and work of some of the greatest artists in history, including Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Monet, and Picasso.



Art Explorers Series by Joyce Raimondo

The Art Explorers series offers a new approach to art, encouraging kids to interpret what they see in famous artworks, then try the techniques themselves.



Teaching Notes

Monet

Before the lesson, prep water color paint at oil pastels. Each table will need blue and green paint, yellow, white, and green oil pastels.

Read out the information sheet and show Monet's artwork.

Ask the children which one is their favorite and why...share your favorite.

On each table place water color paint, paper, paint brushes, and oil pastels.

Walk the children through the waterlilies lesson:

1. Draw flowers and heavily color them in with yellow crayon
2. Add orange centers
3. Draw green lily pads around the flowers and use a white crayon to make waves in the water
4. Paint blue watercolor over the white lines, paper, and around the flowers - add green in spots and blend together

If there is time, let the children experiment with more paper and other scene options.

Material List

- Water color paper
- Oil pastels
- Liquid water color paint
- Paint brushes
- Monet info sheet
- Monet trading card
- High quality prints of other paintings

Optional: Painting smocks