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Impressionism

## Agenda

- Exquisite corpse
- Background of impressionism
- Artist- Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Berthe Morisot, Gustave Caillebotte, Edgar Degas
- How to use this in the classroom
- How to read a painting
- Various themes and how they can be applied


## Exquisite Corpse - Exquisite Cadaver

- Created in the early $20^{\text {th }}$ century
- It is a collaborative drawing.
- Popularized in France
- Man Ray, Andre Breton, Max Morise 1928





## Instructions:

- You can use the print out or a blank sheet of paper.
- Step 1 Fold your paper into 3 sections.
- Step 2 Mark lines for the head and the body.
- Step 3 Write in each section what it is for (Head, Body, Legs)
- Step 4Fold your paper back up and only showing the head
- Step 5 set timer for 60-90 seconds draw head- Keep it secret and get creative- draw the head whatever comes to mind, animal, alien, imaginary creatur, person etc.
- Step 6 fold the paper to expose the blank body / center space
- Step 7 Pass it to the right-
- Step 8 Repeat step 5 except now draw a body
- Repeat steps 6,7, and 5 (in that order) finishing off the legs.


## Background

- Académie des Beaux-Arts
- The Salon
- Salon des Refusés 1863

Le Dejeuner sur l'herbe, The luncheon on the Grass, Manet, 1862


## Impressionism

- Avant guard
- Perception over Nature
- Plein-air
- First Impressionist exhibition 1874
- The exhibition was hosted by Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Renoir, Edgar Degas, Berthe Morisot
- "Impressionist sunrise" 1872



## Claude Monet

- Born-1840
- Died-1926
- Founder of impressionism
- Worked on more than one canvas at a time
- Impression Sunrise-1872
- He would eventually be accepted into the Salon.
- He would go almost completely blind and retreat to his home and paint the water lily paintings that are so popular today.

Water Lilies, 1908, Claude MonetDMA


## Camille Pissarro

- 1830-1903
- Jewish
- father figure
- He mostly paints in the country
- The last decade of his life he switches to making Paris his focus.
- He is the only impressionist to show work in all of the impressionist exhibitions.
- He, unlike the other impressionist, never exhibited at the salon.
- Camille Pissarro, Apple Harvest of 1888 - DMA



## Edgar Degas

- 1834-1917
- Wealthy Bourgeois Family
- Usually painted ballets, concerts, horse raises
- Franco-Prussian War he enlisted and helped defend Paris.
- Later in his life he started making sculptures
- Ballet Dancers on the stage, 1883, DMA



## Gustave Caillebotte

- 1848-1894
- Was single throughout his life
- More realistic than the other impressionist
- His focus was on the development of Paris
- On the Pont de l'Europe, 1877, Kimbell


## Berthe Morisot

- 1841-1895
- One of the few women impressionist
- She used her friends and kids as models
- Some of her pieces are intentionally left incomplete
- Many of her images are from the inside of her house
- Winter, 1880, DMA



## How to "read" a piece of art

- Take 2 minutes of silence to just look. Simply look at the objects.
- Have your class start sharing what they see
- They can then start to create "stories" about what they see
- You don't need to know the exact meaning behind a painting to enjoy it. If you are curios you can look it up. You may find varying explanations for a painting.



Manet, Monet in his studio boat, 1874


Monet, Sailboats on the Seine 1874



Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Luncheon of the Boating Party, 1880-1881

## Ways to use this in the classroom

- Use vocabulary for story time
- Readings on artist or impressionism- Links on the last slide
- Use themes to observe and explore current vocabulary topics -more to come
- Teach French culture and society


## Themes

- Indoors/ homelife
- Countryside
- Paris
- Café
- Weather \& Seasons
- Popular activities
- Yachting
- Horse races
- Ballet
- concert


Berthe Morisot, Reading 1888


Mary Cassatt, Cup of Tea, 1880


Caillebotte, Young Man Playing the Piano, Caillebotte, 1876


Berthe Morisot (French, 1841-1895), In a Villa at the Seaside, 1874


Berthe Morisot, The Harbor at Lorient (Seascape), 1869


Camille Pissarro, The Louvre and the Seine from the Pont Neuf, 1902


- Claude Monet, Arrival of the Normandy Train, Gare Saint-Lazare, 1877


Gustave Caillebotte, Paris Street; Rainy Day, 1877


Jean Béraud,
M. et Mme Galin devant le Jockey Club, 1877


Manet, Chez le Père Lathuille, 1879


Degas, Women on a Café Terrace, 1877


Renoir, The End of the Lunch, 1879


Edgar Degas, The Dance Class (La Classe de Danse), 1873-1876


Degas, The Orchestra at the Opera, 1870


Mary Cassatt, The Boating Party, 1893-94


Degas, Before the Races,1882-1884


Claude Monet Poplars on the Epte 1891


Camille Pissarro, Picking Peas, 1887


Pissarro, Apple Harvest, 1888


Pissarro, La Récolte des Foins, 1887

Monet, Haystacks


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## Pissarro, Boulevard Montmartre



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- EARLY LEARNING For Ages 3-5
- Look at images of sunny and rainy weather.
- What does it feel like to be in sunny weather? Rainy weather? What are your favorite things to do when it is sunny/rainy?
- Did you know that there is a recipe for both sunny and rainy weather? Come up with a list of the 'ingredients' for sunny and rainy weather. For each ingredient, try to make the sound or act like that element.
Sun (arms in a circle above head)
Clouds (circular motion with arms)
Rain (wiggling fingers, snapping)
Wind (blowing, waving body)
Thunder (clapping hands on thighs, rumbling noises)
Lightning (clapping)
- Art Discussion
- What type of weather do you see in this painting, sunny or rainy? How can you tell?
- Review 'ingredients' for sunny weather and search for them in the painting.
- Imagine the painting is real and jump inside! What sounds would you hear? Have children make the sound as a group. What would the weather feel like? What types of clothing would you need and what would you be doing? Have children act out sunny weather activities.


## - ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE

- For Students K-12
- What is the color palette of this work—mostly warm colors or mostly cool colors?
- Mood is how the subject of the painting feels or makes the viewer feel. What would you say is the mood of this work? What makes you say that?
- Do you see any people or animals in this painting? How would the addition of people or animals affect the mood?
- Does any part of this work look abstracted?
- Monet painted many of his works outside, or en plein air. Why do you think that this painting was mostly done indoors from outdoor sketches? (its size)
- What type of brushstrokes did Monet use in this painting?
- Where do you notice Monet's interest in the effect of light in this work?


## Resources:

- Tate Museum-
- https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/what-is/impressionism
- https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-claude-monet
- The MET-
- https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/imml/hd imml.htm
- The Dallas Museum of Art- Link directly to the collection
- https://collections.dma.org/
- Kimbell art museum-Link directly to the collection
- https://www.kimbellart.org/collection
- https://www.kimbellart.org/collection/ap-199602
- Monet House:
- https://fondation-monet.com/en/giverny/monets-house/

