

Father of Impressionism

Claude Monet

Other painters paint a bridge, a house, a boat. I want to paint the air that surrounds the bridge, the house, the boat – the beauty of the light in which they exist.

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Oscar-Claude Monet

Timeline of Claude Monet's Life:

- 1840: Claude Monet is born in Paris, France.
- 1852: First success as an artist comes when he wins 35 francs with a sketch of caricatures.
- 1854: "Woman with a Big Cigar" is one of his first successes in his art career.
- 1856: Claude Monet, 18 years old, moves to Le Havre, where he begins painting along the beaches and the surrounding hills.
- 1858: Eugene Boudin, a French Painter, saw Monet's caricatures and recognized his genuine talent. They quickly became friends and persuaded Monet to practice painting in the open air. This experience set the direction for Monet as a painter.
- 1861: Claude Monet, 21 years old, enrolls in the French army and serves in North Africa. He becomes interested in getting out of the army and agrees to complete an art course at a university.
- 1862: Claude Monet, 22 years old, moves to Paris to become a painter.
- 1866: "Camille or The Woman in the Green Dress" (La Femme à la Robe Verte), painted in 1866, brought him recognition and was one of many works featuring his future wife, Camille Doncieux.
- 1870: After the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War, Monet takes refuge in England. While there, he studied the works of artists whose landscapes would serve to inspire Monet's innovations in the study of color.
- 1872: Monet's first wife, Camille, marries Jean-Baptiste Sisley in 1870. "Impression, Sunrise" (Impression, soleil levant) is painted by Claude Monet in 1872. It is one of the first works of impressionism.
- 1873: "Camille on the Beach at Trouville" (Camille sur la plage à Trouville) is painted by Claude Monet in 1873. It is one of the first works of impressionism.
- 1874: Monet's first wife, Camille, dies after giving birth to their son, Jean.
- 1877: Birth of Jeanne, Monet's second wife, Alice Hoschedé.
- 1883: Monet and Alice Hoschedé move to Giverny, where they live until 1926.
- 1890: Monet begins working on his famous series of water lilies, centered in or around the池塘 du Saint-Lucien à Giverny.
- 1892: Monet becomes a student of Charles Lippé in Paris, where he meets Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Frédéric Bazille, and Alfred Sisley. Together they share new approaches to art in what later comes to be known as impressionism.
- 1895: Monet's tradition of using different works of art under different light and weather conditions is fully implemented.
- 1904: Birth of Jeanne, Monet's third wife, Blanche Hoschedé.
- 1914: Death of Jean, the brother of Claude Monet. His daughter-in-law, Blanche, looks after him and his death.
- 1919: Claude Monet donates twelve large canvases of "Waterlilies" to France. They are included in the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, where they are arranged so that they can be viewed from all sides.
- 1926: Claude Monet dies of pneumonia at his home in Giverny.