

Zara's Impressionist Art Flashcards: A Study of Claude Monet

Learning objective: To understand the artistic style and techniques of Claude Monet, focusing on Impressionism and the use of light and colour.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about the life and work of Claude Monet. Zara the zebra loves how he used light to make his paintings look like they were shimmering!

Who was Claude Monet?

A famous French painter and one of the founders of the Impressionist art movement.

What is 'Impressionism'?

A style of painting that focuses on capturing a quick 'impression' of a scene, often using light and colour instead of fine detail.

What does 'en plein air' mean?

Painting outdoors, which allowed Monet to capture the changing natural light on his subjects.

Why are Monet's brushstrokes often short and thick?

To capture the movement of light and the feeling of a scene rather than small, realistic details.

Where is the famous garden that Monet painted many times?

Giverny, a village in France where he created a beautiful water garden.

What is one of Monet's most famous series of paintings featuring aquatic plants?

The Water Lilies series.

Why did Monet paint the same subject at different times of the day?

To show how the changing sunlight and weather altered the colours and mood of the scene.

What did Monet focus on more than clear, solid lines?

He focused on the effects of light, shadow, and colour.

True or False: Impressionist paintings usually look like photographs.

False. They look more like a blurry, colourful 'impression' or memory of a place.

How did Monet usually apply paint to his canvas?

He used quick, visible brushstrokes and often placed different colours side-by-side to make them look brighter.