

Exploring Art with Zara: The World of Claude Monet

Learning objective: To identify the techniques of Claude Monet and describe his use of light and colour in Impressionism.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete your sentences. You can use your own ideas for the drawing task.

Claude Monet was a famous French painter. He loved to paint outside in nature. He wanted to show how light changed the look of things. This style of art is called Impressionism. He used quick, small brushstrokes to build up his paintings. His most famous paintings are of his beautiful garden and his water lilies.

Word bank: Impressionism · light · nature · brushstrokes · colour · water lilies

1. What is the name of the art style that Claude Monet used? (2 marks)

2. Monet liked to paint outside. What is one thing from nature he liked to paint? (2 marks)

3. Describe how Monet used his paintbrush to make his art look special. (4 marks)

4. Why did Monet paint the same scene at different times of the day? (4 marks)

5. Zara says: 'Monet's paintings look like a blurry dream.' Explain why you think she says this, using what you know about his brushstrokes and colours. (8 marks)

Draw: Imagine you are in a garden. Draw a pond with water lilies using small, quick dashes of colour to show the sunlight on the water.



Extension challenge: Explain how Monet chose his colours to show a sunny day versus a cloudy day.
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