ART AWARENESS

ARTIST: CLAUDE MONET

PAINTINGS:
WATER LILIES

BOATING AT ARGENTEUIL
Claude Monet

- Monet rhymes with "ballet".
- Born in 1840; Died in 1926. (How many years ago was that?)
- Originally from Paris, France. (Which continent is that on?)
- Although he is very famous now, he wasn’t at the time.
- For much of his life he was quite poor.
- Married; two children.
- Founder of the Impressionistic movement.
What is Impressionistic art?

- Let’s look at different styles of art.
- Today’s prints for discussion.
- Plus more of Monet’s work!
Different Styles of Art

A few styles are:

- Realism
- Abstract
- Impressionism
A Few Art Styles

Realism =

- Familiar objects;
- Similar to a photograph
- Tells a story in the picture
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**Abstract** =

- unfamiliar objects;
- images don't always 'make sense’
- Often geometric shapes
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Impressionism =

- Dabs of paint give ‘an impression’
- More fuzzy than a photo
- Artists typically paint outside
- Capture outside scenery
- Emphasis on lighting and reflections
What Style and Why? (Joan Miro)
What Style and Why? (Claude Monet, Saint Lazare Station, 1877)
Water Lilies, 1916
What Style and Why?

(Norman Rockwell)
Saint Lazare Station, 1877
Station Today; Similar? Different?

(Credit to Emily Norton Flickr)
Garden at Argenteuil, 1873
Autumn at Argentueil, 1873
Bouquet of Sunflowers, 1881

- What’s different about this painting? (Hint: Where is it painted?)
- Can you see brush strokes?
Summary

- Claude Monet was a gifted artist.
- Started his own movement – impressionism.
- Had a challenging life (family illness, poverty)
- Wasn’t initially favored but eventually successful.
- Monet’s work often traveling to museums around the world. Always available in Paris, France.
Let’s create our own Monet!

- Color this picture using lots of colors.
- Don’t worry about being exactly in the lines.
- “Fuzzy” is ok in this style.
- It’s your own masterpiece so have fun!