Claude Monet

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Facts about Claude Monet

- Claude Monet was a famous artist known for Impressionism.
- Monet was called an Impressionist after he painted a picture called "Impression, Sunrise".
- Most of Monet's paintings are scenes of water or nature. He loved reflections in water, as well as gardens and flowers.
- Many people did not like Impressionism. They thought it looked unfinished.
- Monet began to go blind when he was 68, but it didn't stop him from painting. Because of his blindness, his paintings were very blurry.

Do you know any more interesting facts about Monet?

Chalk Drawing

Monet often painted outdoors, capturing an impression of a garden and flowers using fast short brush strokes.

Look at some examples of Monet's paintings of waterlilies for inspiration.

Using colored chalk, do your own "impression" of some flowers or a garden scene.

Work quickly and do not worry about details. Hint: "Squint"at the subject so that you see just an impression of the flowers.

Capturing a Moment

Monet often painted the same thing at different times of the day or different seasons of the year to show the variations in light and shade.

Take a series of photographs of the same outdoor subject at different times of the day and in a different weather conditions.

Compare the photos. How are they different? (shadows, light, colors)

Writing About Artwork

What many people like about Monet's paintings is how he captured the fleeting effects of light and color.

Select one of Monet's paintings that you like and write a short review of the artwork.

Plan before you write.

1. Briefly describe the painting. What is it a painting of? (water reflections, a garden scene, waterlilies?)

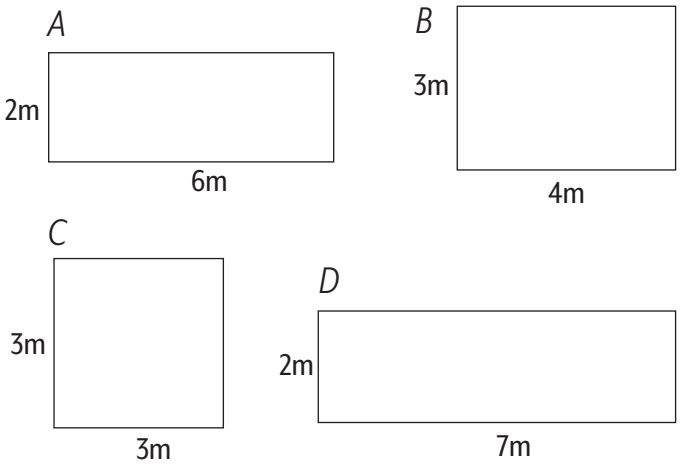
2. What colors has Monet used? (cool or warm colors, bright or dull colors)

3. How does the painting make you feel? (happy, sad, relaxed?)

4. Why do you like the painting?

Area

Here are dimensions of four of Monets paintings.



Which painting has the largest area?

Which painting has the smallest area?

How much is painting D bigger than painting A?

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