Art History Notes: Impressionism (1860 – 1900)











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–Impressionists used Scientific divisionism and tried to paint reflected light as it truly is.

-They were primarily concerned with the modern in subject matter.

-Although there were many impressionists, the group included: Edouard Manet, Berthe Morisot, Edgar Degas, Pierre-August Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Mary Cassatt, and Claude Monet.

Claude Monet (1840 –1926)



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- From <u>Impression Sunrise's</u> title, art critic Louis Leroy coined the term "impressionism".
- In the 1880s Monet began "series" painting — paintings of one subject in varying light and viewpoints. His first series is of Rouen Cathedral from different points of view and at different times of the day.
- Monet was exceptionally fond of painting controlled nature — his own garden, his water lilies, his pond, and his bridge.

Monet Impression Sunrise 1874





Monet *La Promenade* 1875





Camille Pissarro (1836 – 1903)



• Pissarro, (1836 – 1903)

- His work used the spontaneity common in impressionist work.
- Borrowed the pointillism of Seurat in the form of "scientific" divisionism.
- Pissarro was the oldest of the group of artists.

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Berthe Morisot 1841 –1895



• Berthe Morisot (1841 – 1895)

 Morisot, along with Camille Pissarro, was one of only two artists whose work exhibited in all of the original impressionist shows.

 Like true impressionists, Morisot painted what she saw in her immediate, everyday life: women, children, and domestic scenes. Berthe Morisot 1841 –1895





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Paul Cezanne (1839 – 1906)



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- While studying under Pissarro,
 Cezanne painted in the Impressionist style from 1862 – 1865.
- Cezanne diverged from impressionism in 1880 to develop his own style and become the "master at Aix."
- Developed the planar analysis and the effort to shoe objects in the round that the cubist took to an extreme.