

Our Class Artist – Claude Monet

Monet was born in Paris, France in 1840. He grew up in Le Havre, a port in Normandy, and demonstrated great artistic talent from an early age.



He was a part of the Impressionism movement – something that was started by a group of French painters who decided to discard old ways of doing art. Lines were replaced by rounded shapes or tiny dots. Dark shadows became colourful and bright. These painters often enjoyed painting outside.



Following a number of years of travelling, Monet settled in Giverny, France. While he lived there, he spent hours painting the water lilies and the bridge in his water garden.

Huge paintings of the water lilies were displayed in a purpose-built, curved room at Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris.

He often painted the same scene many times to capture the changing light and seasons.

Monet developed lung cancer at the age of 86, he died on 5th December 1926. He was buried in Giverny cemetery. He was one of the most significant painters in the history of art.

