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## Reading Article G1

### **Article #11: Claude Monet**

Claude Monet, a 19th-century French painter, was the most famous artist associated with the movement known as Impressionism. Monet was born on November 14, 1840, and even as a young man he was known for producing small portraits in charcoal. In 1858 Monet met the artist Eugène Boudin, who became his mentor and introduced Monet to painting outdoors, or “en plein air” as it came to be known. In 1859, at the age of 19, Monet moved to Paris to become a professional artist. Most artists of his time tried to imitate nature realistically, but in his landscape painting Monet instead sought to portray nature as it appeared to him.

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canvases a tactile quality that contrasted sharply with the smooth canvases produced by more traditional artists.

Though he struggled financially throughout his life, when Monet died in 1926, he was one of the most famous and influential painters in the world.

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