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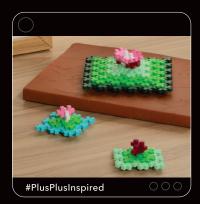
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The Japanese Footbridge Claude Monet



#### The Japanese Footbridge

Oil on canvas, c. 1899 32 x 40 in / 81.3 x 101.6 cm National Gallery of Art (Washington D.C., United States)

#### CLAUDE MONET

b. 1840, Paris, France; d. 1926, Giverny, France

# How does Claude Monet's The Japanese Footbridge inspire you?

rom building his own Japanese-style bridge in the French countryside and painting his pond garden over 250 times, to an unusual urge to capture the fleeting effects of light and color, Claude Monet was an inspired man. He was compelled to depart from classical painting methods by quickly dabbing paint onto the canvas in order to document how the natural world looked in that





unique moment of time. The resulting images, called "impressions", also used color to create definition instead of black lines. This new method allowed him to produced multiple paintings of one scene as he observed changing lighting conditions throughout the day. He painted the scene of his Japanese inspired bridge at least 18 different times. Several of Monet's paintings have become some of the most iconic and valuable works of art in the world, yet he considered his garden to be his greatest masterpiece.

"My only merit lies in having painted directly in front of nature, seeking to render my impressions before the most fleeting moments."

- Claude Monet