## Key Ideas

- Paris remains the hub of the art world.
- Post-impressionist artists continue to be inspired by Japanese art, reflecting its influence in color, pattern, and composition.
- Post-Impressionism, Symbolism, Neo-Impressionism, etc...there are a plethora of avant-garde styles that develop in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Impressionism is a "springboard" for development into many individual styles. (Stokstad, p. 995)
- Artists continue to move forward from Impressionism...but this takes different forms:
  - Choosing one or two formal elements to fully explore and develop (line, texture, etc.)
  - Studying color and optics theories, incorporating those theories into their work.
  - Developing works that reflect universal symbolic themes or greater emotive (rather than realistic) content.

Last Impressionist Exhibition...1886: Degas, Cassatt, Morisot... and...Gauguin, Signac, and Seurat



## Post-Impressionism

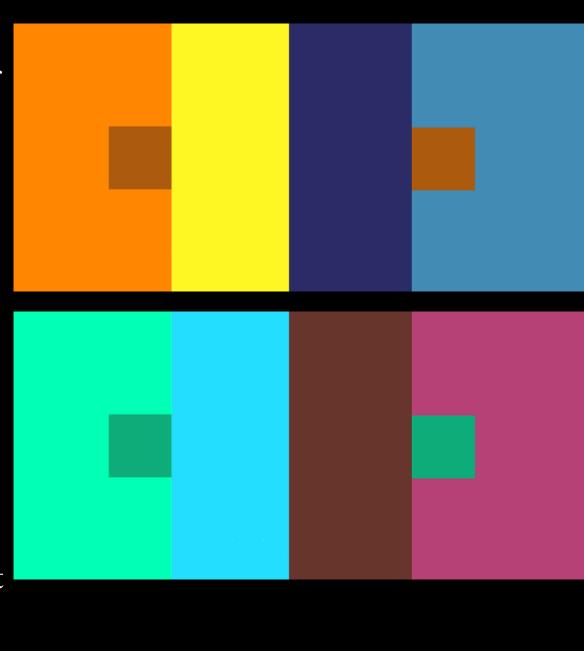
What comes after Impressionism? Many artists begin a more structured exploration of the formal elements. Some develop a style known as Neo-Impressionism (focusing on color and optic theories, through Divisionism and Pointillism) while others focus on breaking down the composition in new ways, through play with perspective, line, and texture. We also will see artists move towards developing the emotive and symbolic content of art.

Mia has wonderful paintings from the four best-known Post-Impressionists: Cézanne, van Gogh, Gauguin, and Seurat, along with other works by many artists exploring new avenues of expression from the late 1880s to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Color studies based on Josef Albers' Interaction of Color.

http://facweb.cs.depaul.edu/sgrais/color\_context.htm

Interest in color and light was influenced in part by the research of scientists like Michel Chevreul; specifically, "an object of any given color will cast a shadow tinged with that of its complementary color and tinting neighboring colors in the same manner." Colors do interact with each other in our perceptions!

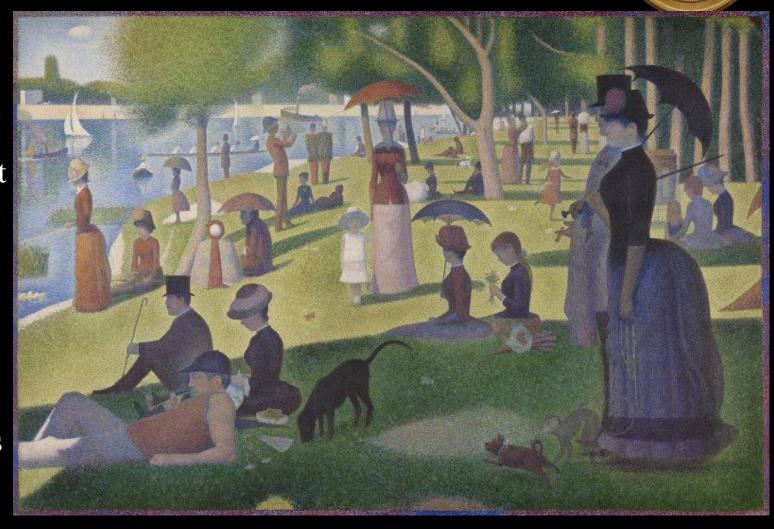




Georges Seurat, *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte, 1884*, 1884-1886 (Inset, Henri Lehmann, *Portrait of Clémentine (Mrs. Alphonse) Karr*, 1845)

This was publicly exhibited at the last (8<sup>th</sup>) Impressionist exhibition in 1886.

Seurat used only 11 colors in 3 values in this painting.





Georges Seurat, Port-en-Bessin, 1888, 55.38

"Some say they see poetry in my paintings, I see only science."

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Seurat died at age 31, in 1891.



Claude Monet, *Grainstack, Sun in the Mist*, 1891, 93.20 versus Georges Seurat, *Port-en-Bessin*, 1888, 55.38. Impressionism and Neo-Impressionism...what effect or impact on the viewer do you think the artists' tried to achieve in their use of color and light?



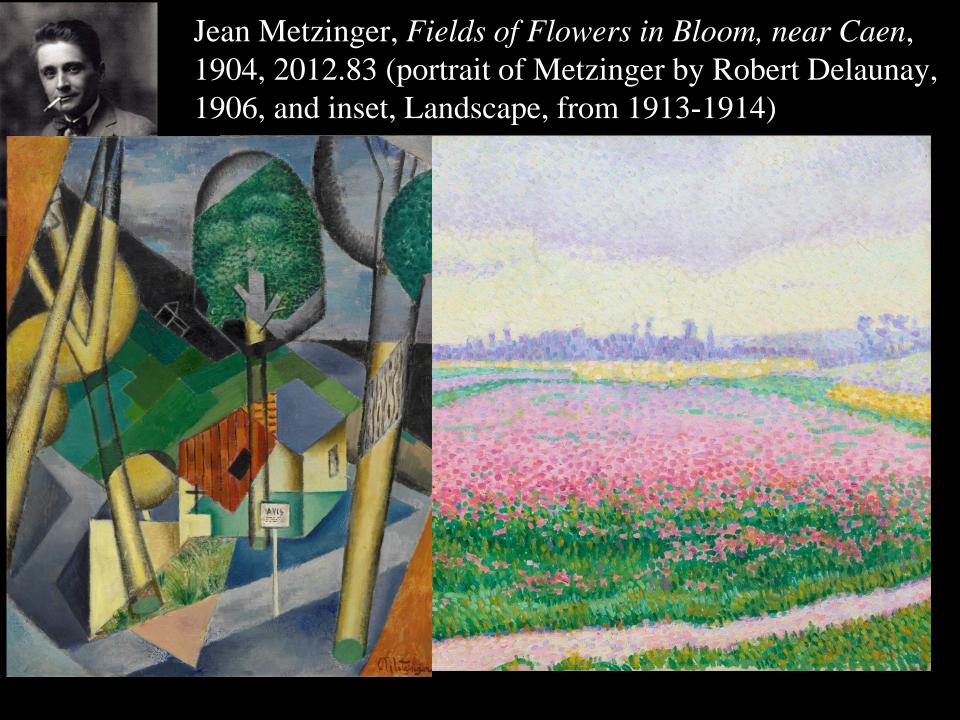




Paul Signac, Snow, Boulevard de Clichy, Paris, 1886, 61.36.16



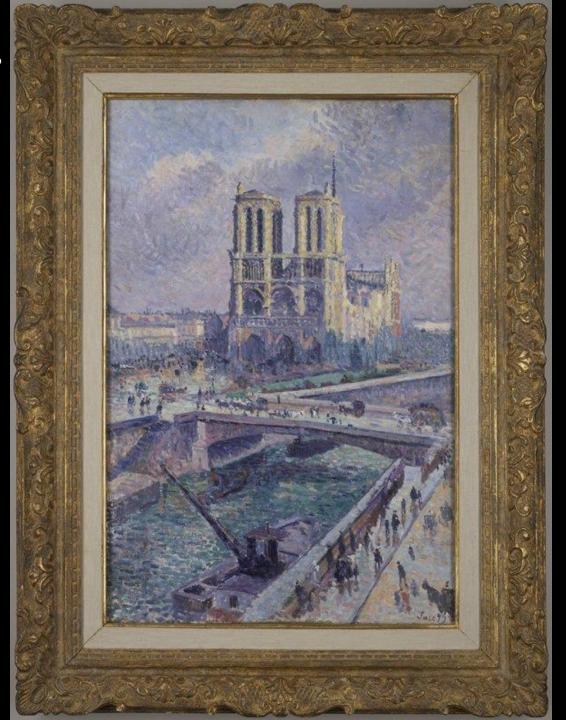






Maximilien Luce, *Notre Dame*,
1899, 61.36.13







Do you think the artists transform, exaggerate, or simplify nature in their paintings? What do you see that makes you say that? (Share ideas. Practice paraphrasing responses, too.)



Vincent van Gogh, *Olive Trees*, 1889, 51.7



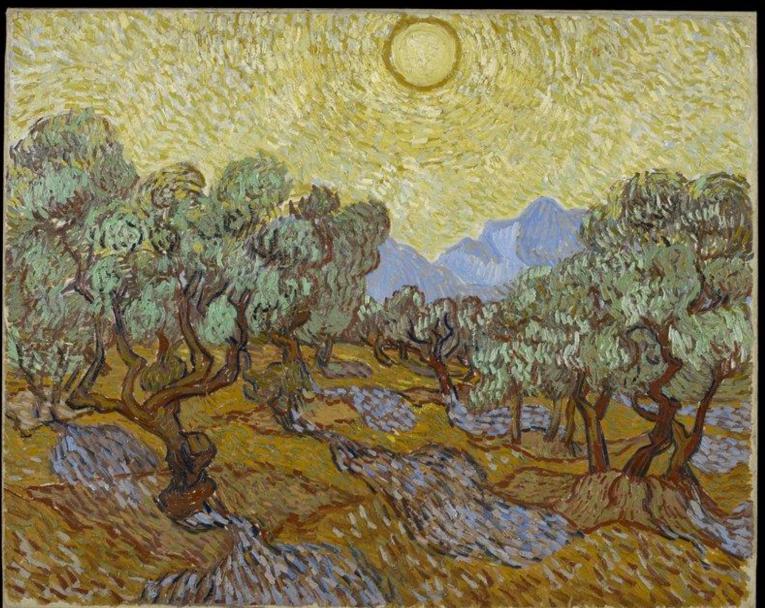
Paul Cézanne, *Chestnut Trees* at Jas de Bouffan, c. 1885-1886, 49.9



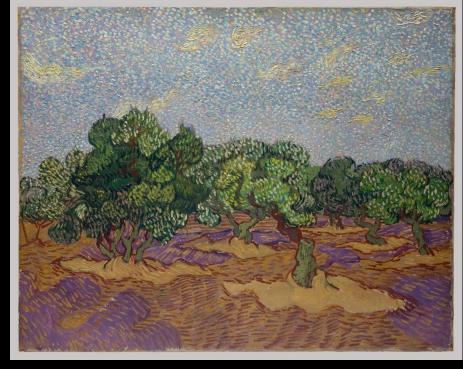
Vincent van Gogh, *Olive Trees*, 1889, 51.7 (self-portrait, 1887)

Ironically, in 1890, "he modestly assessed his artistic legacy as of 'very secondary' importance"

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/gogh/hd\_gogh.htm







Olive Trees, 1889, 51.7; (TR) The Olive Trees, Saint Rémy, June-July 1889 (Moma); and (R) Olive Trees, November 1889 (Met)



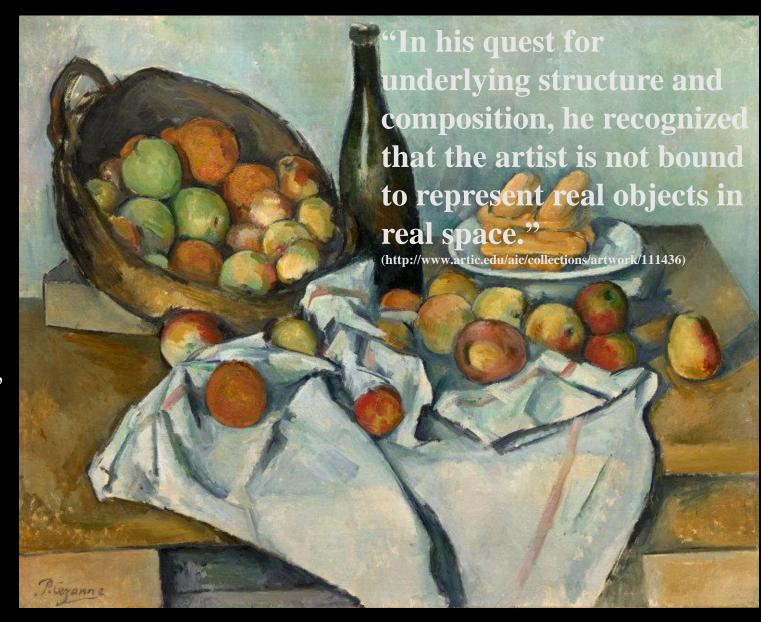
What visitor reactions or comments did you notice in the gallery?



"No artist had a greater impact on the next generation of Modern painters than Paul Cézanne" (Stokstad, 1012).

Why? What is so "modern" here?

## Paul Cézanne, The Basket of Apples, c. 1893



Maurice Denis, *Homage to Cézanne*, 1900. Pictured are Redon, Vuillard, Denis, and Bonnard, among others.

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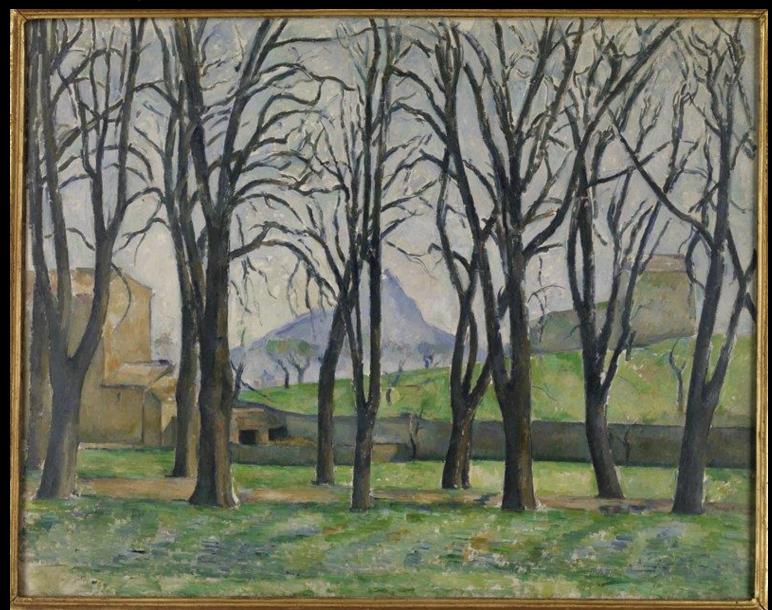




Paul Cézanne, *Chestnut Trees at Jas de Bouffan*, c. 1885-1886, 49.9

Cézanne:
"I owe you
the truth in
painting
and I will
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you."

Jas de
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"sheepfold
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winds"

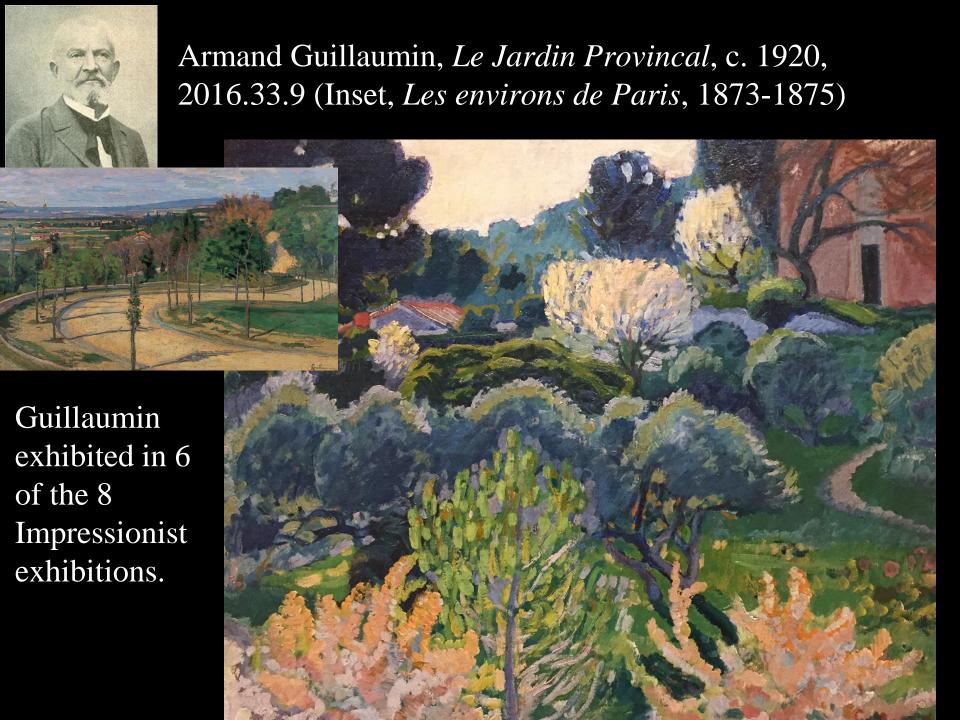




James Ensor, Meadow Flowers, 1883, 56.9 (inset, The Intrigue, 1911, 70.38)









Paul Gauguin, Tahitian Landscape, 1891, 49.10





Paul Gauguin, I Raro Te Oviri (Under the Pandanus), 1891, 41.4

Describe the artist's use of color and its emotional impact on the viewer.

Synthetism: Synthesis of artist's observations and feelings.

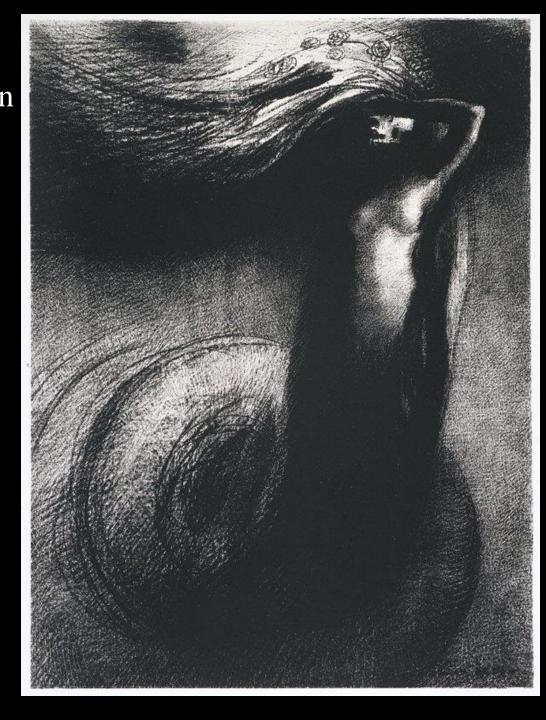


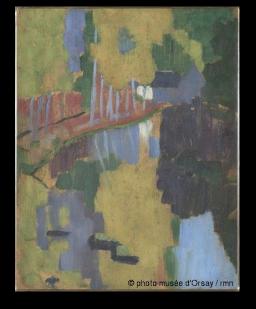


Odilon Redon, Plate III from "La tentation de Saint Antoine", 1889, lithograph, P.86.26.5 (not on view)

Symbolism: A movement that addressed the irrational fears, desires, and impulses of the human mind in various works of art and literature. Symbolists sought a deeper and more mysterious reality beyond everyday life.

Redon wanted his works to touch us within, saying that he "placed the visible in the service of the invisible." (artsmia.org)





The Nabis: Maurice Denis, Pierre Bonnard, Édouard Vuillard and other students founded Les Nabis, active from 1889 to 1899. (Nabis is a Hebrew word meaning "prophets.")

Above, Paul Sérusier, *The Talisman*, 1888. Ker-Xavier Rousell and Edouard Vuillard, Venice. Photo taken by Pierre Bonnard 1899.





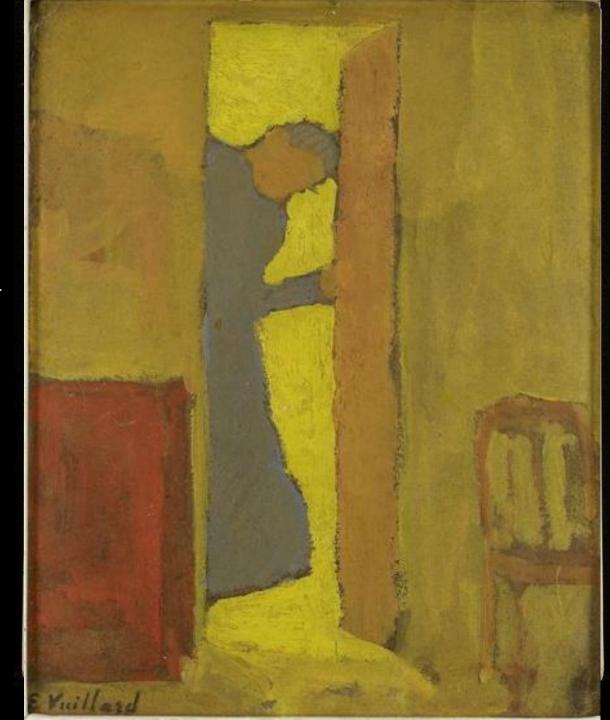
Maurice Denis, Orpheus and Eurydice, 1910, 68.1



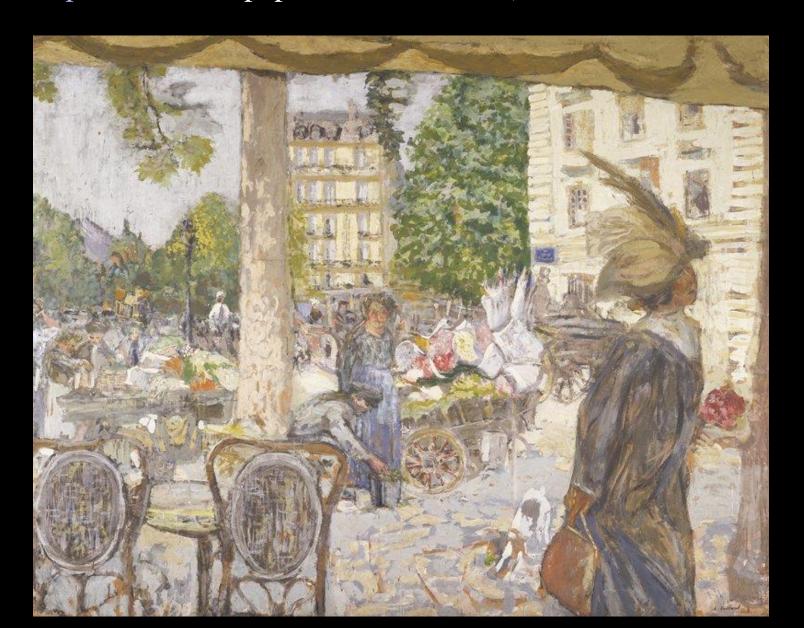


Edouard Vuillard, *The Artist's Mother Opening a Door*, c. 1891-1892, 96.41. Oil on cardboard.

Vuillard and Bonnard were known as "Intimists."

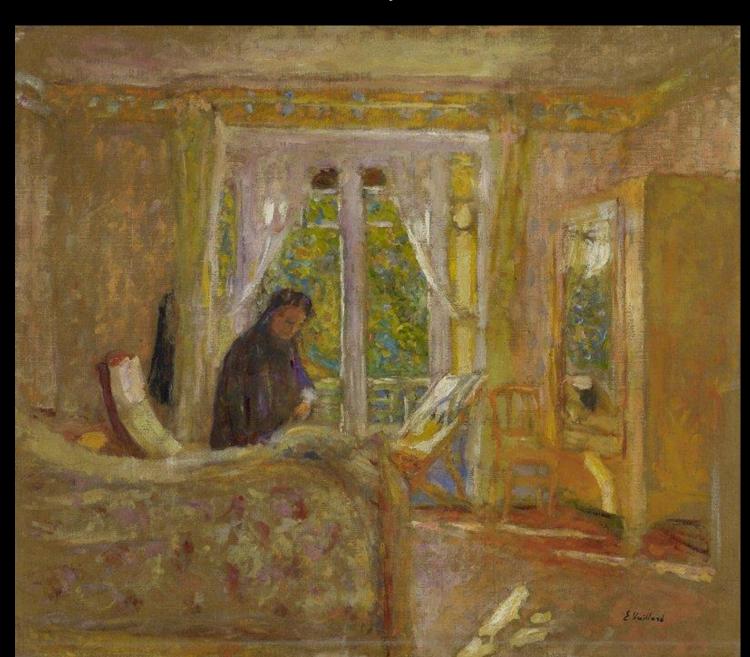


Edouard Vuillard, *Place Saint-Augustin*, 1912-1913, 61.36.18 (Distemper on brown paper is the medium.)



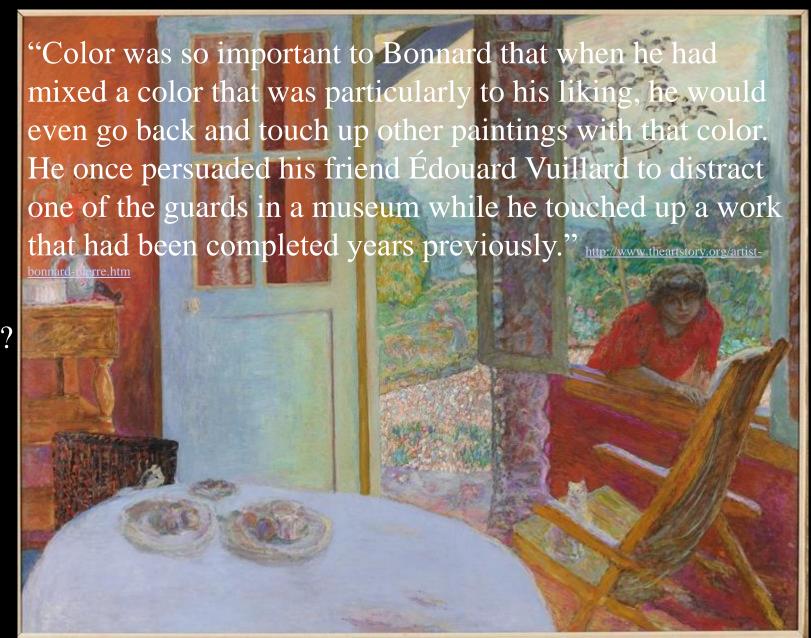
Edouard Vuillard, The Sunny Room, c. 1920, 61.36.19

"I don't do portraits; I paint people in their surroundings."



Pierre Bonnard, Dining Room in the Country, 1913, 54.15

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the artist's
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color...
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George d'Espagnat, *Fruits and Vase of Flowers*, 19th-20th century, 2016.33.2. Inset, Pierre Bonnard, *The Green Blouse*, 1919

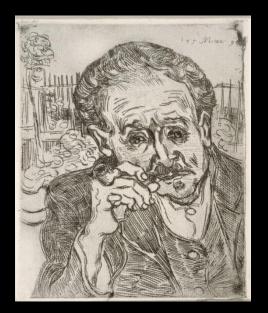


Jules Chéret, Musée Grévin, Théâtre les Fantoches, 1900, 2016.33.52

What makes this an effective advertising poster, inciting desire in the viewer to see this show?



## Don't forget the print collection!

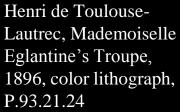


Vincent van Gogh, Portrait of Dr. Gachet (Auvers-sur-Oise), May 15, 1890, Etching, P.13,251



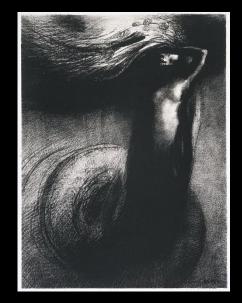


Paul Gauguin, Love, And You Will Be Happy, 1898, color woodcut on Japan paper, P.12,866





Pierre Bonnard, Nursemaids' Promenade, Frieze of Carriages, 1899, color lithographs on screens, P.96.27



Odilon Redon, Plate III from "La tentation de Saint Antoine", 1889, lithograph, P.86.26.5



Claude Monet, The Japanese Bridge, c. 1923-1925, 61.36.15. In what style do you think this should be categorized? Impressionist or Post-impressionist?

