

Berthe Morisot

The Artist's Daughter Julie with her Nanny, 1884

Gallery 351

Intro

Welcome to all. Is anyone new to Mia?

We are going on a journey through time and cultures to see different artwork about Family, Friends and Community. Artists in the past have shown the value of family and friends in the six works we will see. Relationships with our family, friends and communities are important to our lives today. Communities are groups of people that we belong to.

Can you give me an example of a community you are a part of?

You will probably be able to see yourself in some of these works.

Key Points and Questions

(Ask viewers to take a moment and look at the Morisot standing nearby. Then ask them to take a few steps back.)

This work was painted in a style of loose brushwork called Impressionism. The strokes of different paint colors are easily visible and applied quickly. What happened to the image as you looked at it from further away?

Can you copy the brushstrokes you see with your hand?

Color and Mood

How do the colors draw your attention? Are your eyes drawn to the light on their faces?

The artist community in the mid-1800's had very few female artists. For a female artist like Morisot it was only acceptable to paint scenes of home life.

What is going on in this scene? (hopefully they will mention needlework and the embroidery hoop prop can be shown)

The artist frequently showed her daughter Julie in her work. She recorded her growth and development in her paintings. Here she is learning needlework from her Nanny.

How does your family document the stages of your life? Growth charts? Photographs?

Transition

Here we saw Julie learning a new skill from her nanny. Next we will see other children at home with their family. We can compare the different painting style of this loose, Impressionist brush work to the next work that has a realistic style, almost like a photograph.

The next work, called *Peace Concluded*, is realistic like the family photographs we take today. As we walk you can pair share about a favorite photograph of your family.

