# The View From My Window: Lights, Camera, Action!

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#### Detail

Claude Monet Grainstack, Sun in the Mist, 1891, Oil on Canvas 93.2



Claude Monet
Grainstack at Sunset,
1891, Oil on Canvas
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston,
Massachusetts

"Sometimes the sun sets so fast I can't follow it." Claude Monet

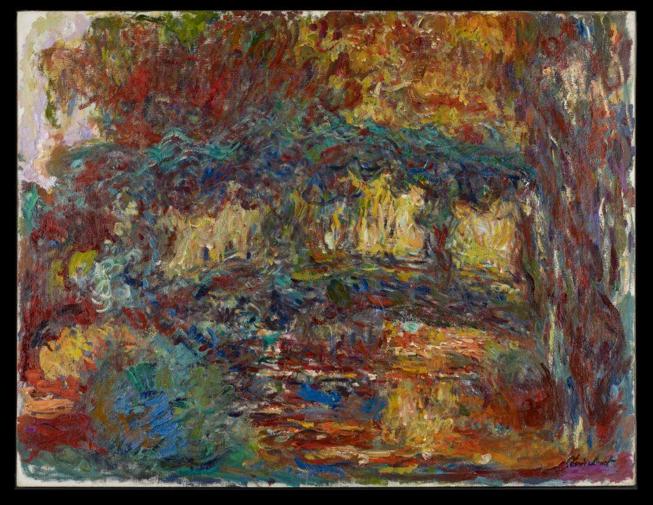






Claude Monet, Impression Sunrise, 1872, oil on canvas, Musée Marmottan, Paris

In the late 1800's a group of French artists found they could capture the momentary effects of sunlight by working quickly in front of their subjects outdoors or in *plein air*.



## The View From My Window Try Your Hand at Capturing the Changing Light Paper, Paint, color Pencils or Crayons

- Like Monet, capture the changing light of your favorite view on paper.
- What does your eye see?
- Work quickly as the light changes, switching paper as needed.
   The subject is light.

#### Hints:

- Dabs of color can show fleeting light.
- Your work doesn't need to reflect realism.

  If you like work in plain air like the leave.

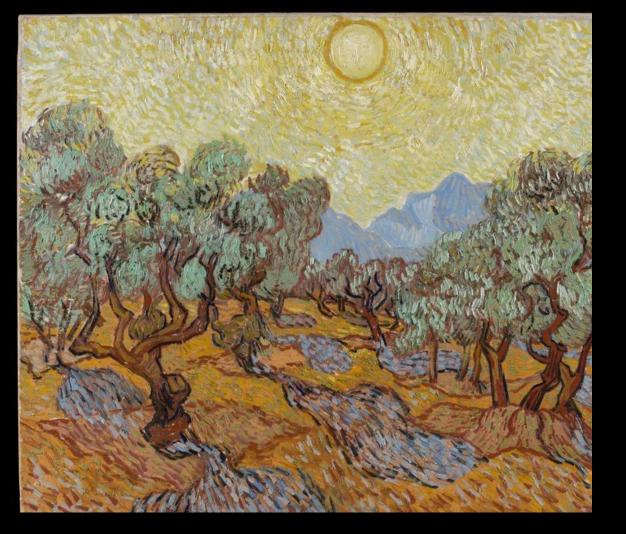
If you like, work in *plein air* like the Impressionists.

Claude Monet
Water Lilies and Japanese Bridge, 1899,
Oil on Canvas
Princeton University Art Museum, N.J



Claude Monet The Japanese Bridge, 1923-1925, Oil on Canvas 61.36.15

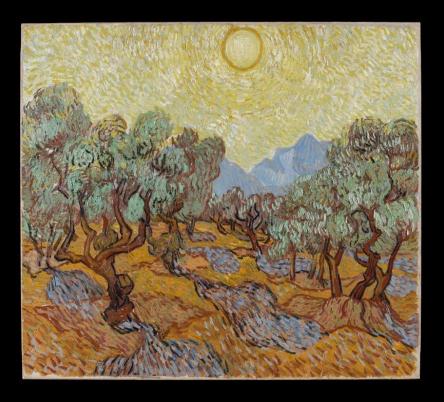




Vincent Van Gogh Olive Trees, 1899, Oil on Canvas 51.7

Expressionism

Artists sought to express the meaning of an emotional experience rather than the physical reality.



Vincent Van Gogh Olive Trees, 1899, Vincent Van Gogh



Edvard Munch *The Scream*,1893,
National Gallery in Oslo, Norway

### The View From My Window Camera, Action!

#### Camera:

Take a picture of you favorite view, capturing the image at different times of the day.

Compare it to your first Impressionist artworks.

How is it the same? Different?

Do you prefer one over the other?

#### Action!

Choose your favorite view and moment of the day.

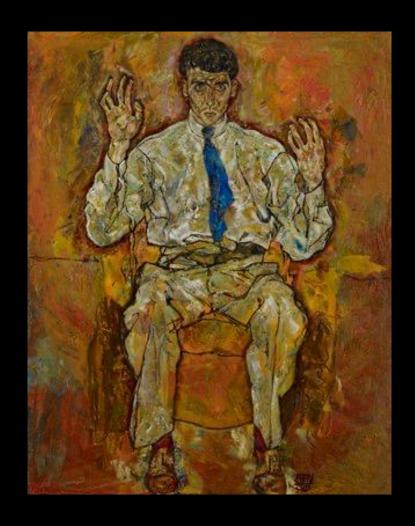
Ask yourself: "How does this scene make me feel"?

Try your hand at painting this scene as an Expressionist might.

You can use **exaggeration**, **distortion** and **color** to show emotional experience.

Don't worry about realism.

Where did you go where a camera cannot?



You are invited to come to Mia and visit this portrait of Paris von Gutersloh and wonder: What is the view from his window?

Lights? Camera? Action?

Egon Schiele, Portrait of Paris von Gutersloh, 1918, Oil on Canvas. 54.30 Gallery 377