

## The life and work of Claude Monet





Here is a painting of Camille Monet and their son Jean in their garden. It is painted by their friend Renoir who was another Impressionist artist

Jean Monet



Michel Monet



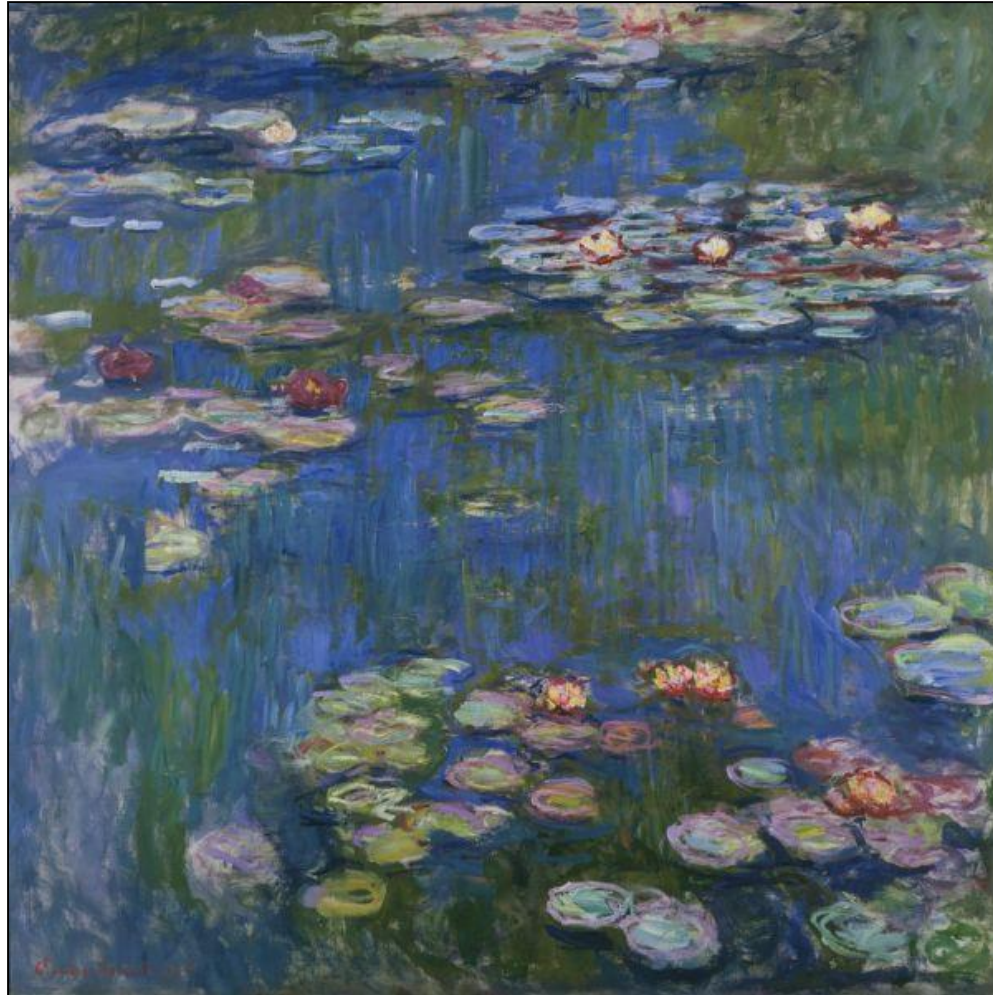
11 years after Jean was born, Camille and Claude had another son named Michel. Sadly Camille died a year after Michel's birth.



Soon after that, Monet's paintings began to sell. At last people were beginning to like his style. He was able to rent this house in a place called Giverny, just west of Paris.



Claude loved the garden and designed the plants, flowers, paths, ponds and bridges to create beautiful subjects for his paintings. The paintings sold and by 1890 he had made enough money to buy the house.



In 1899 Monet began painting the water lilies in his garden. These have become his most famous paintings. He actually painted about 250 canvases of them!



So let's get back to the River Thames. Monet painted this famous series on trips to London between 1900 and 1905. He was now a successful artist and he could stay in an expensive hotel. He painted the same view from his window again and again.



He started more than 100 canvases of the River Thames but only finished 37 of them! He concentrated on just 3 different views.



