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## Chapter 1 : Cezanne: History & Techniques of the Great Masters |

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See also the Britannica Classic by Roger Fry: The early s was a period of great vitality for Parisian literary and artistic activity. The sensitive dynamism of this youthful period, with the inner feverishness that it reveals, foreshadows the daring innovations of Fauvism and of modern Expressionism , particularly the works of Maurice de Vlaminck and Georges Rouault. He took with him Marie-Hortense Fiquet, a young woman who had become his mistress the previous year and whom he married in . There he began to paint landscapes, exploring ways to depict nature faithfully and at the same time to express the feelings it inspired in him. He began to approach his subjects the way his Impressionist friends did; in two landscapes from this time, *Snow at Estaque* 1871 and *The Wine Market* , the composition is that of his early style, but already more disciplined and more attentive to the atmospheric, rather than dramatic, quality of light. In January Marie-Hortense gave birth to a son. There and at the nearby town of Auvers he began seriously to learn the techniques and theories of Impressionism from Pissarro, who of his painter friends was the only one patient enough to teach him despite his difficult personality. The two artists painted together intermittently through , taking their canvases all over the countryside and painting out-of-doors, a technique that was still considered radical. Although he used the techniques of these young artists, he did not share their concern with emphasizing the objective vision presented by the light emanating from an object; rather, his explorations emphasized the underlying structure of the objects he painted. Already he was composing with cubic masses and architectonic lines; his strokes, unlike those of the Impressionists, were not strewn with colour, but they complemented each other in a chromatic unity. His most famous painting of this period, *The House of the Suicide* , illustrates these forces at work. He made sojourns to Estaque in , and in to Aix-en-Provence, where he had to endure the insults of his tyrannical father, whose financial help he needed to survive since his canvases were still not finding buyers. The single exception to this lack of patronage was the connoisseur Victor Chocquet, whose portrait he painted in . These landscapes contain compositions of grand and calm horizontals in which the even up-and-down strokes create a clean prismatic effect and an implacable blue sea spreads wide across the canvases. Like all his mature landscapes, these paintings have the exciting and radically new quality of simultaneously representing deep space and flat design. In works such as these, he chose to rediscover a more substantial reality of simple forms behind the glimmering veil of appearances: One must learn to paint from these simple figures. Other striking landscapes from this period are the prismatic landscapes of Gardanne *The Mills of Gardanne*, c. In most cases he treats the background with the same care as the subject and often violently distorts facial colour to bring it in harmony with the total composition. He organized them as though they were architectural drawings, giving the most familiar objects significance and force through the intensity of the colour and the essential simplicity of the form. Although he had great admiration for many other painters, he disagreed with the objectives of all but himself; painters who narrated events, as did the Romantics and the Old Masters, and painters who only represented nature 1871 as did the Impressionists 1871 seemed to him to lack a standard of purpose that only his own art possessed. At the same time, he was not a truly abstract painter, for the ideas of structure that he wished to express were about reality, not design. In this, he was the major source of inspiration for the Cubist painters. He had married Marie-Hortense six months earlier, and, after a year in Paris in , Marie-Hortense and their son moved there permanently. He felt capable of creating a new vision. From 1871 to he produced masterpieces, one after another: He was obsessed with his work, which was time-consuming since he painted slowly. Helen Birch Bartlett Memorial Collection, *Photograph by Trish Mayo*. By the turn of the century his fame had begun to spread, and, since he was rarely seen by anyone, he became something of a legendary figure. The National Gallery in

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Berlin purchased a landscape as early as *Pines and Rocks Fontainebleau*? Photograph by Stephen Sandoval. I become one with my picture. In the last of the great *Bathers* paintings he succeeded in integrating monumental nudes with a landscape in his structural vision of reality. He died a few days later and was buried in Aix-en-Provence. His hope that his paintings would serve as a form of education for other artists was achieved when a number of important painters purchased his work, including Paul Gauguin , Pablo Picasso , Pierre Bonnard , Kazimir Malevich , Henri Matisse , and Marcel Duchamp.

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Although the young Renoir had a natural proclivity for drawing, he exhibited a greater talent for singing. His talent was encouraged by his teacher, Charles Gounod , who was the choir-master at the Church of St Roch at the time. Following this, Renoir started taking lessons to prepare for entry into Ecole des Beaux Arts. When the porcelain factory adopted mechanical reproduction processes in , Renoir was forced to find other means to support his learning. During the Paris Commune in , while Renoir painted on the banks of the Seine River , some Communards thought he was a spy and were about to throw him into the river, when a leader of the Commune, Raoul Rigault , recognized Renoir as the man who had protected him on an earlier occasion. This loss of a favorite painting location resulted in a distinct change of subjects. Adulthood[ edit ] Renoir was inspired by the style and subject matter of previous modern painters Camille Pissarro and Edouard Manet. By the end of the s, particularly after the success of his painting Mme Charpentier and her Children at the Salon of , Renoir was a successful and fashionable painter. In the same year, after contracting pneumonia which permanently damaged his respiratory system, Renoir convalesced for six weeks in Algeria. These paintings were the subject of a set of commemorative postage stamps issued by the Bailiwick of Guernsey in While living and working in Montmartre, Renoir employed Suzanne Valadon as a model, who posed for him The Large Bathers, 1877; Dance at Bougival , [14] and many of his fellow painters; during that time she studied their techniques and eventually became one of the leading painters of the day. The Renoirs had three sons: Pierre Renoir , who became a stage and film actor; Jean Renoir , who became a filmmaker of note; and Claude Renoir , who became a ceramic artist. Later years[ edit ] Pierre-Auguste Renoir, c. In , he moved to the warmer climate of "Les Collettes," a farm at Cagnes-sur-Mer , close to the Mediterranean coast. He developed progressive deformities in his hands and ankylosis of his right shoulder, requiring him to change his painting technique. It has often been reported that in the advanced stages of his arthritis, he painted by having a brush strapped to his paralyzed fingers, [17] but this is erroneous; Renoir remained able to grasp a brush, although he required an assistant to place it in his hand. During this period, he created sculptures by cooperating with a young artist, Richard Guino , who worked the clay. Due to his limited joint mobility, Renoir also used a moving canvas, or picture roll, to facilitate painting large works. The female nude was one of his primary subjects. In characteristic Impressionist style, Renoir suggested the details of a scene through freely brushed touches of color, so that his figures softly fuse with one another and their surroundings. Ostensibly a mythological subject, the painting is a naturalistic studio work; the figure carefully observed, solidly modeled and superimposed upon a contrived landscape. The painting depicts an open-air scene, crowded with people at a popular dance garden on the Butte Montmartre close to where he lived. The works of his early maturity were typically Impressionist snapshots of real life, full of sparkling color and light. By the mids, however, he had broken with the movement to apply a more disciplined formal technique to portraits and figure paintings, particularly of women. It was a trip to Italy in when he saw works by Raphael and other Renaissance masters, that convinced him that he was on the wrong path, and for the next several years he painted in a more severe style in an attempt to return to classicism. To dissolve outlines, as in his earlier work, he returned to thinly brushed color. From this period onward he concentrated on monumental nudes and domestic scenes, fine examples of which are Girls at the Piano , , and Grandes Baigneuses , The single largest collection of his works is paintings in all is at the Barnes Foundation , in Philadelphia. These prints are signed by Renoir in the plate and are embossed "Vollard" in the lower margin. They are not numbered, dated or signed in pencil. The sale was cancelled. Gallery of paintings[ edit ].

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*Anyone who has visited an art gallery will understand the value of being able to look at paintings close up, to see the way the colors have been used and how the paint has been handled.*

He was strongly encouraged to make this decision by Zola, who was already living in the capital at the time. Over the course of the following decade their landscape painting excursions together, in Louveciennes and Pontoise, led to a collaborative working relationship between equals. Later in his career, he became more interested in working from direct observation and gradually developed a light, airy painting style. Throughout his life he struggled to develop an authentic observation of the seen world by the most accurate method of representing it in paint that he could find. To this end, he structurally ordered whatever he perceived into simple forms and colour planes. His statement "I want to make of impressionism something solid and lasting like the art in the museums", [18] and his contention that he was recreating Poussin "after nature" underscored his desire to unite observation of nature with the permanence of classical composition. He continued to submit works to the Salon until 1885. In that year, through the intervention of fellow artist Antoine Guillemet, he exhibited *Portrait de M.* In later years a few individual paintings were shown at various venues, until 1890, when the Parisian dealer, Ambroise Vollard, gave the artist his first solo exhibition. He concentrated on a few subjects and was equally proficient in each of these genres: Like the landscapes, his portraits were drawn from that which was familiar, so that not only his wife and son but local peasants, children and his art dealer served as subjects. His still lifes are at once decorative in design, painted with thick, flat surfaces, yet with a weight reminiscent of Gustave Courbet. He was taken home by a passing driver. The artists of the refused works included the young Impressionists, who were considered revolutionary. His works of this period [32] are characterized by dark colours and the heavy use of black. He later called these works, mostly portraits, *une couillarde* "a coarse word for ostentatious virility". He was declared a draft dodger in January 1914, but the war ended the next month, in February, and the couple moved back to Paris, in the summer of 1915. The artist received from his father a monthly allowance of francs. In 1916, he attracted the attention of the collector Victor Chocquet, whose commissions provided some financial relief. This was on the upper floor, and an enlarged window was provided, allowing in the northern light but interrupting the line of the eaves. This feature remains today. He painted with Renoir there in 1916 and visited Renoir and Monet in 1917. A run of paintings of this mountain from 1915 to 1917 and others of Gardanne from 1918 to 1920 are sometimes known as "the Constructive Period". By 1918 the family was in the former manor, *Jas de Bouffan*, a substantial house and grounds with outbuildings, which afforded a new-found comfort. This house, with much-reduced grounds, is now owned by the city and is open to the public on a restricted basis. A letter from 1918 demonstrates that their friendship endured. From 1918 until his death he was beset by troubling events and he withdrew further into his painting, spending long periods as a virtual recluse. His paintings became well-known and sought after and he was the object of respect from a new generation of painters. The problems began with the onset of diabetes in 1920, destabilizing his personality to the point where relationships with others were again strained. He traveled in Switzerland, with Hortense and his son, perhaps hoping to restore their relationship. In 1921 he turned to Catholicism. The labyrinthine landscape of the quarries must have struck a note, as he rented a cabin there in 1921 and painted extensively from it. The shapes are believed to have inspired the embryonic "Cubist" style. Also in that year, his mother died, an upsetting event but one which made reconciliation with his wife possible. He sold the empty nest at *Jas de Bouffan* and rented a place on *Rue Boulegon*, where he built a studio. He needed a place to be by himself. In 1922 he bought some land along the *Chemin des Lauves*, an isolated road on some high ground at Aix, and commissioned a studio to be built there now open to the public. He moved there in 1923. Meanwhile, in 1923, he had drafted a will excluding his wife from his estate and leaving everything to his son. The relationship was apparently off again; she is said to have burned the mementos of his mother. He wanted to see and sense the objects he was painting, rather than think about them. Ultimately, he wanted to get to the point where "sight" was also "touch". He would take hours

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sometimes to put down a single stroke because each stroke needed to contain "the air, the light, the object, the composition, the character, the outline, and the style". The atmosphere surrounding what he was painting was a part of the sensational reality he was painting. From him we have learned that to alter the coloring of an object is to alter its structure. His work proves without doubt that painting is not "or not any longer" the art of imitating an object by lines and colors, but of giving plastic [solid, but alterable] form to our nature. It was recovered in a Serbian police raid in As of , it was the most expensive still life ever sold at an auction.

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His coloring too was relatively bold, but lighting conventionally conceived. The evident build-up of paint creates a dense and uneven surface accentuating the material presence of the subjects although repeated overpainting provide evidence of technical uncertainty. These earlier history paintings are much larger than the most part of the later interiors. The fluency and technical proficiency of Christ in the House of Martha and Mary strikes an odd note among these early paintings. The Procuress might be considered an intermediate work between the historical subjects and those genre interiors for which Vermeer is celebrated. Genre subject matter had already been pioneered by other painters such as Pieter de Hooch , Gerrit ter Borch and Nicolas Metsu. In order to create illusionistic three-dimensional spaces Vermeer made use of the laws of perspective , which any ambitious painter was familiar with. These and other visual peculiarities found in these works indicate that Vermeer had begun to employ the camera obscura, a precursor to the modern photographic camera. The camera obscura is ideal for studying the natural play of light. The contours in the first interiors tend to be sharp, sometimes to the point of brittleness, while impasto is used to evoke the sparkle of light as well as texture. From the outset of his career, Vermeer made numerous changes during the painting process as he sought a satisfactory image: Vermeer generally painted on light colored grounds as did many Dutch painters. The weave of the canvas is barely perceptible. Paint is applied thinly, in translucent and semi-translucent layers. Strong colors are often confined to restricted areas of the compositions. Contours are more varied than before but in general they are more suffused, especially in the shadows. Although the description light had become increasingly important, form is suggested by subtle shifts in tone rather than by forceful chiaroscuro. The economy of description becomes characteristic. Perhaps only when the works of these artists are compared side-by-side can the difference be fully appreciated. In this period Vermeer may have also made use of the badger brush , which was commonly employed to smooth brush marks, extend glazes and blend adjacent areas of color imperceptibly. Late Works In the last years of artistic activity Vermeer had acquired mastery of every facet of painting technique. Contour became again sharp but differently from his initial genre interiors, paint is applied with the utmost economy. Brushwork is often curiously calligraphic, freeing itself from slavish description, at times bordering on virtuosity. A sense of brittleness is adverted especially in the modeling of the figure. In some passages paint has been applied so thinly that the underlying ground can be observed. This fact has lead some scholars to believe some of the paintings were not finished. In the s, form is abstracted. Technique take on greater importance, so much that it challenges illusion. A Few Notes on the Methods of the Old Masters Through modern scientific analysis many of the materials used by the old masters can be identified with certainty. Understanding painting technique, that is, the manner in which materials are applied, is another matter. The principal difference between modern and Dutch seventeenth-century painting technique is that painting was broke down into a series of distinct passages executed in a predefined order. The principal difference between materials is that seventeenth-century painters generally ground their own paints, and pigments were few when compared to the industrially pre-prepared paints available today. Modern paints have an almost uniform consistency while hand-made paints have entirely different drying brushing and covering characteristics from one another, which, however, painters had not only overcome but had learned to use to their advantage. Old Master "Lost" Painting Materials The search for lost old masters materials had already begun shortly after the end of the Golden Age. Many Dutch painters had achieved extraordinary levels of technical proficiency that successive generations of artists were at a loss as how to reproduce. Speculation continued into the twentieth century, especially among painters who attempted to emulate the painting styles of the past. Fortunately, modern scientific investigations conducted by the principal museums in the later part of the twentieth century, have

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slowly come to a common position in regards. It would now seem that the almost irreproducible technical results seen in Dutch masters were, in fact, not due to any particular use of material or complex procedure, but were in great part consequence of superior creative and imaginative powers. The same violin may sound either utterly dull or heavenly rich just from the way in which the same bow is hand. Rarely did Rembrandt used walnut oil used, and the presence of the presence of egg was detected together with linseed oil only occasionally.

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