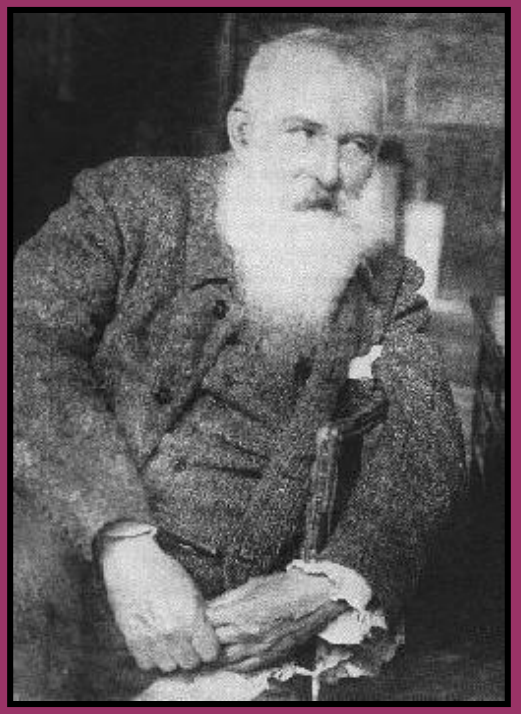
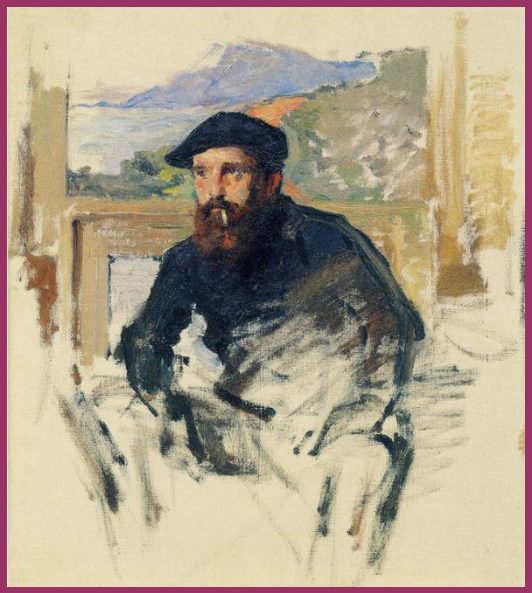




Claude Monet

When it comes to artwork that is based on Impressionism, one name tends to come up more than any other……

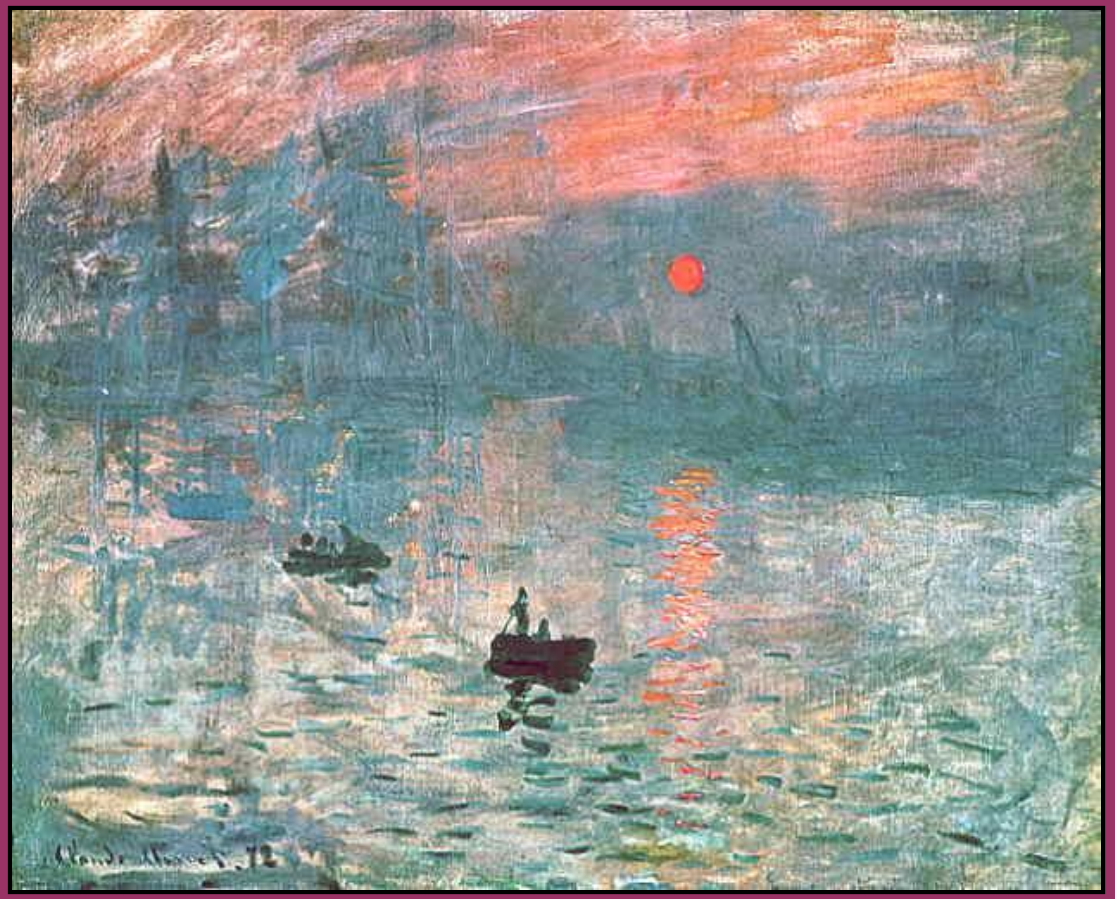
Claude Monet.

Born on 14th November in 1840 in Paris, Monet did not come from a wealthy family as many other period artists. His father was a grocery store owner, in fact, and his mother made some spare money on the side as a singer.

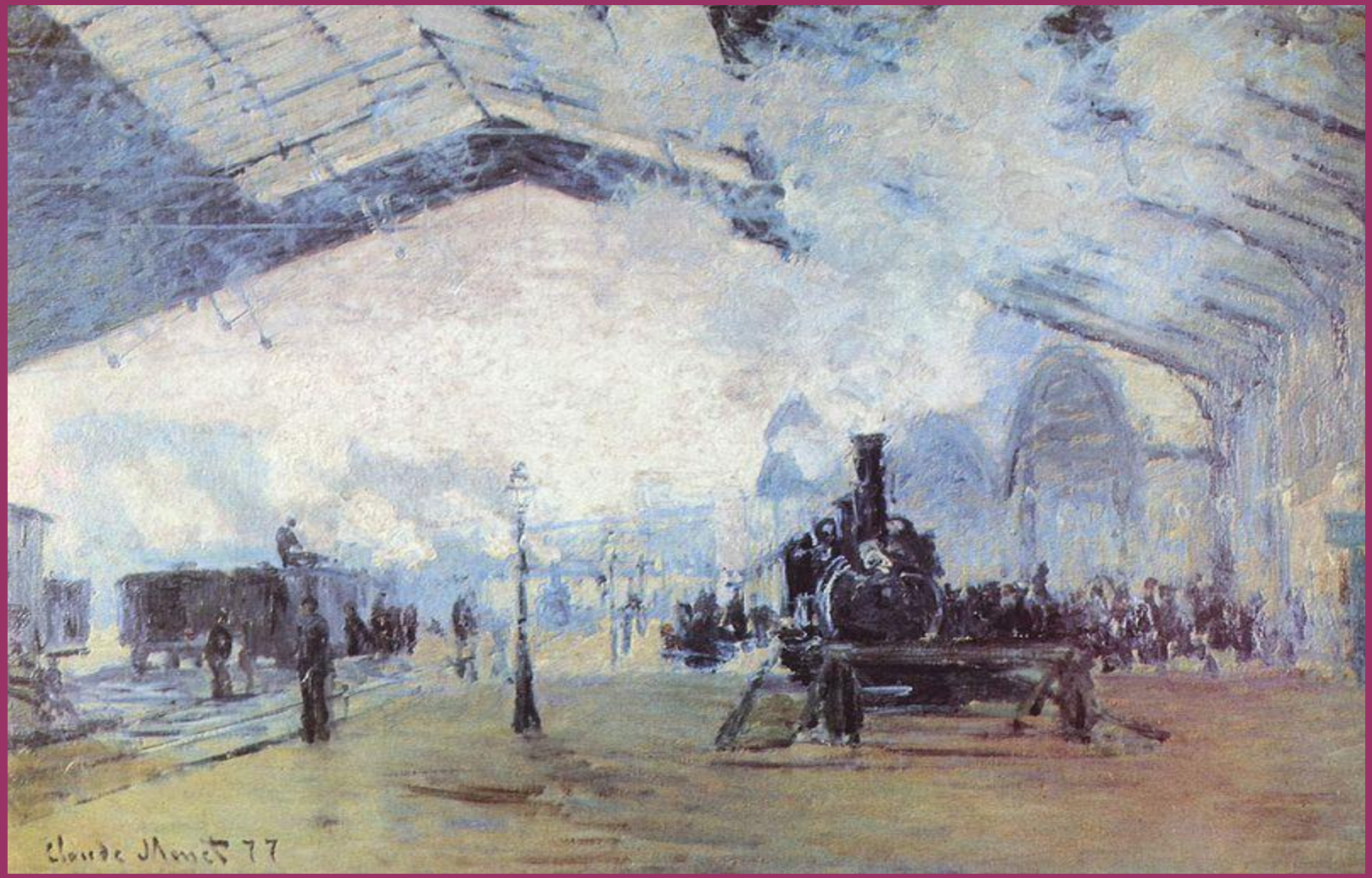
His Name Isn't Actually Claude!!

Monet was baptized and given the official name of Oscar-Claude. His parents always called him Oscar.
Part of the reason for this was because Monet's father was also named Claude, so it set the two men apart. Monet would become famous without the Oscar name attached, however, but to some he will always be Oscar instead of Claude.

Monet was drawing by the age of 5. His first drawings were caricatures of the teachers that he had in school. He was known to fill entire school books with drawings instead of the assignments that were due. Over time, after his family moved to the community of Le Havre, Monet became famous in his own right for the drawings he would create of the town's residents. His father hated all of the drawing and creativity. His goal was to have his son join in on the grocery business.



Claude Monet was the most important of the Impressionist Painters. Impressionist painters used color and brushstrokes in a new way.



Claude believed in painting by layering colours of paint.

There are almost never any outlines in Impressionist Art! The whole painting is just blobs and smears of color!

Claude tried to show the changing colours and shadows during the day. He painted this same haystack many times. Do you know what time of day Claude painted this?

Other times Claude would paint the same picture at different times of the year. He loved to paint the Houses of Parliament.

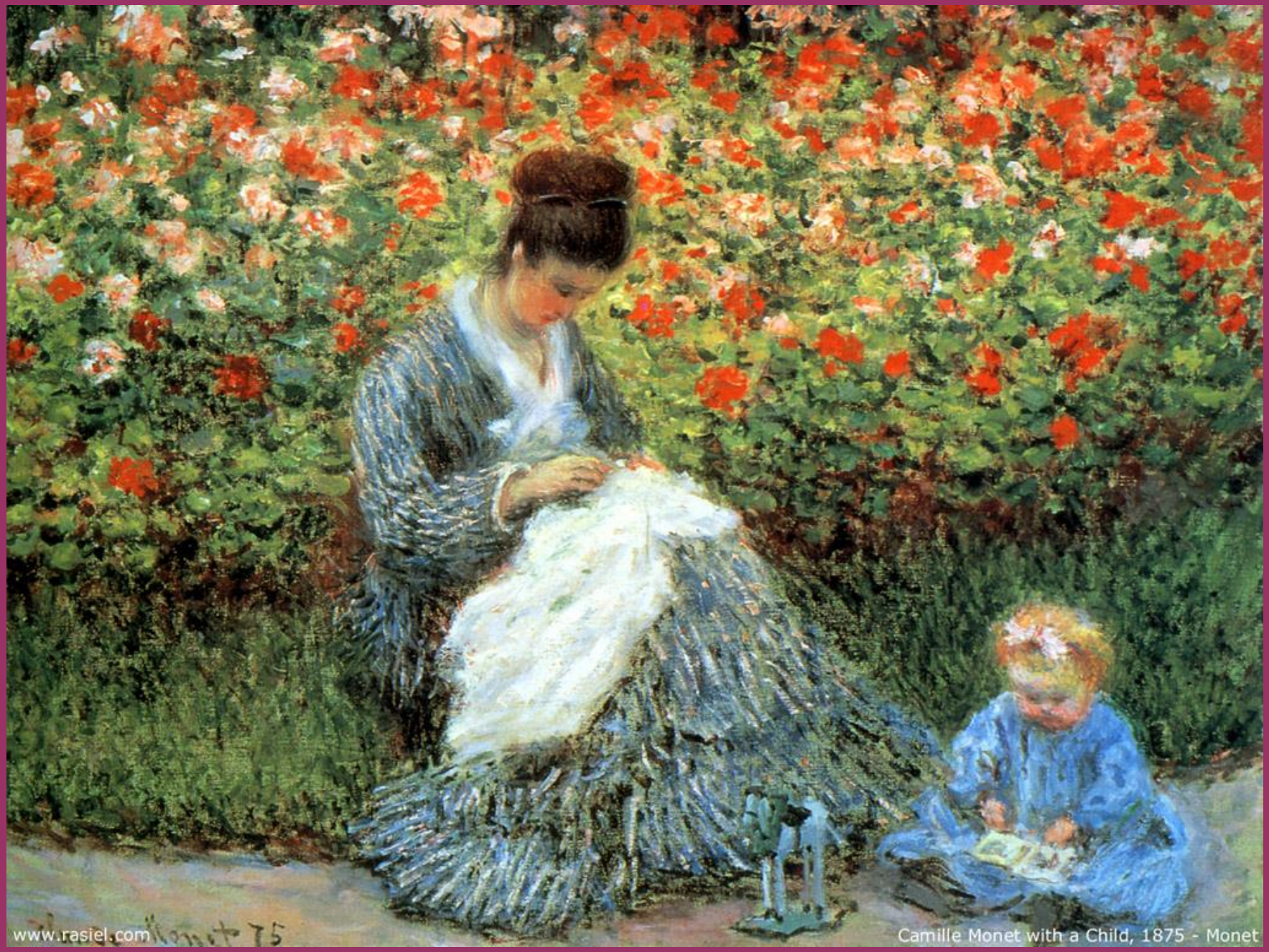
Look closely at these paintings.

Can you see the brush strokes that Claude used?

In this picture Claude used his Impressionist style of layering to paint his wife, Camille.

Camille died at the age of 32…..Monet created this final picture of her.

Claude Monet.
1872.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Camille Monet with a Child, 1875 - Monet

Claude loved to paint the pond at his house in Giverny.

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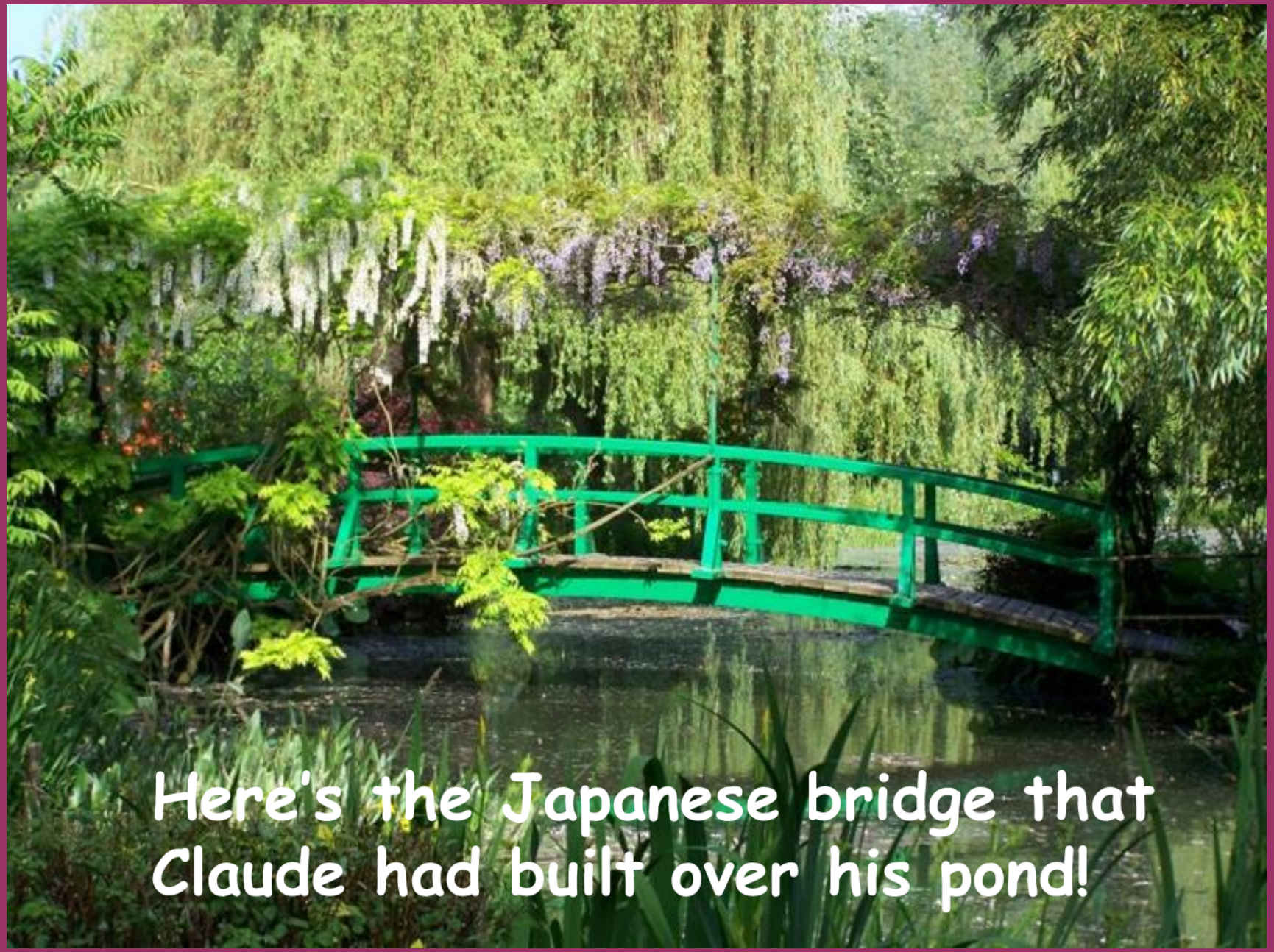
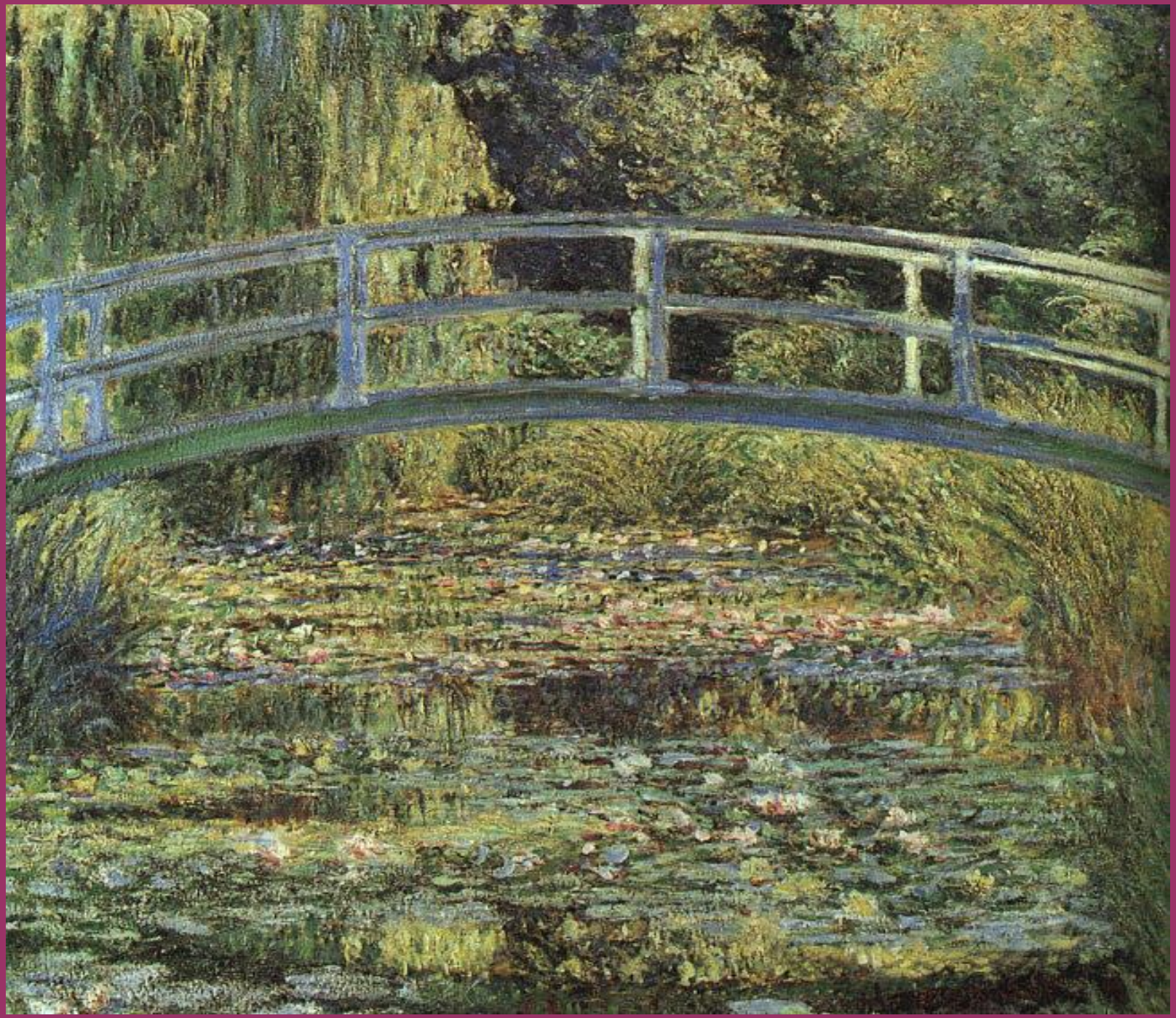
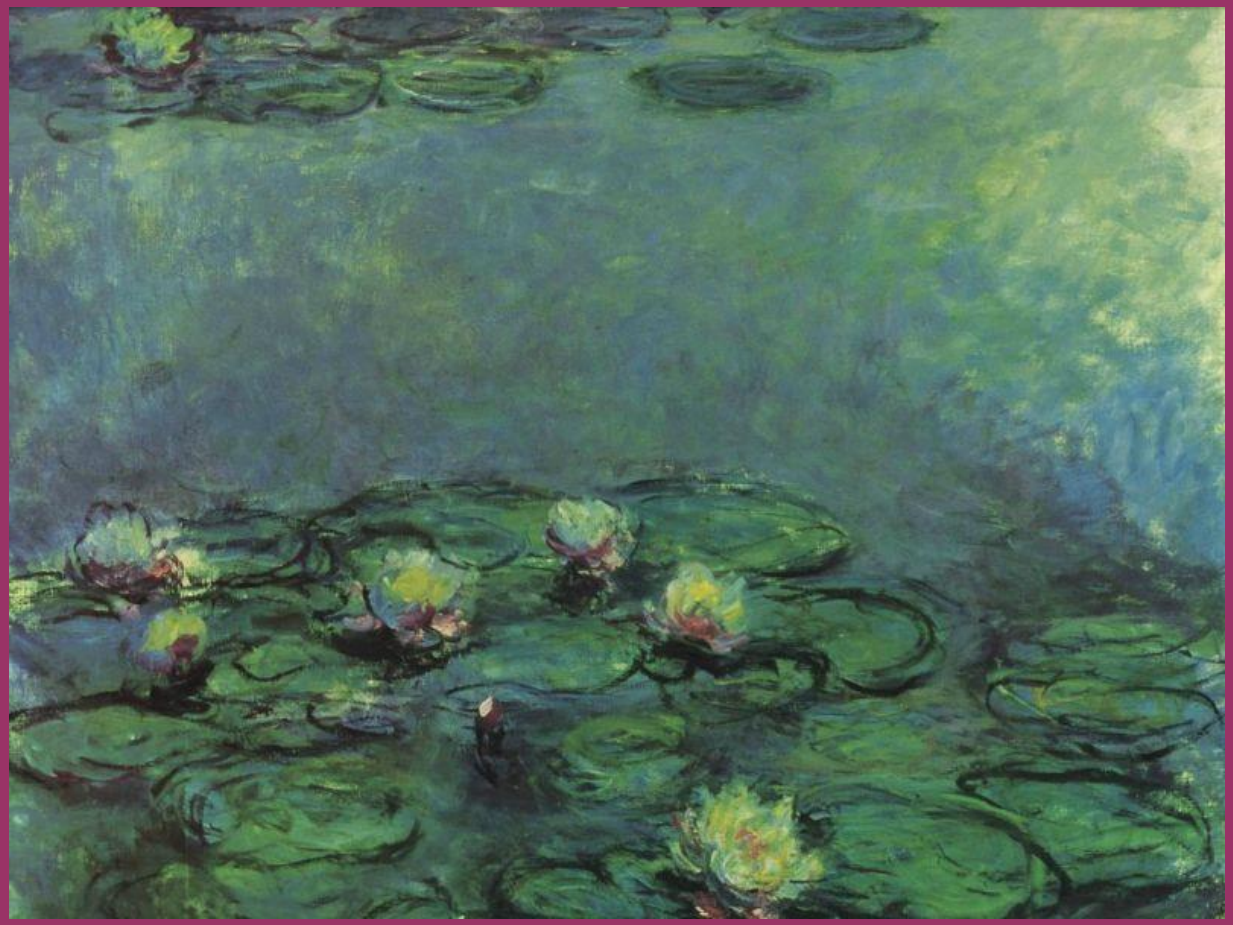
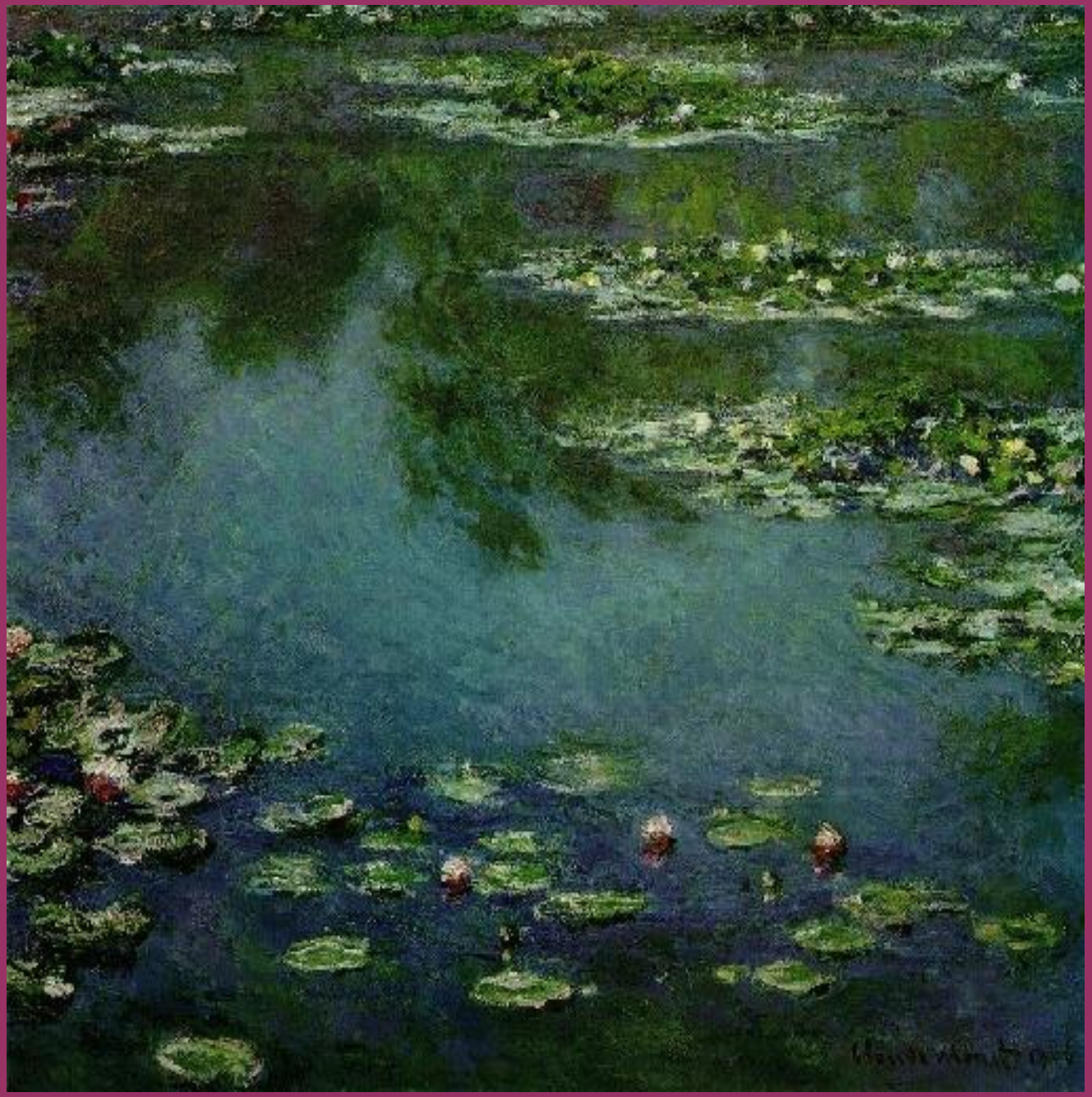

Here's the Japanese bridge that
Claude had built over his pond!

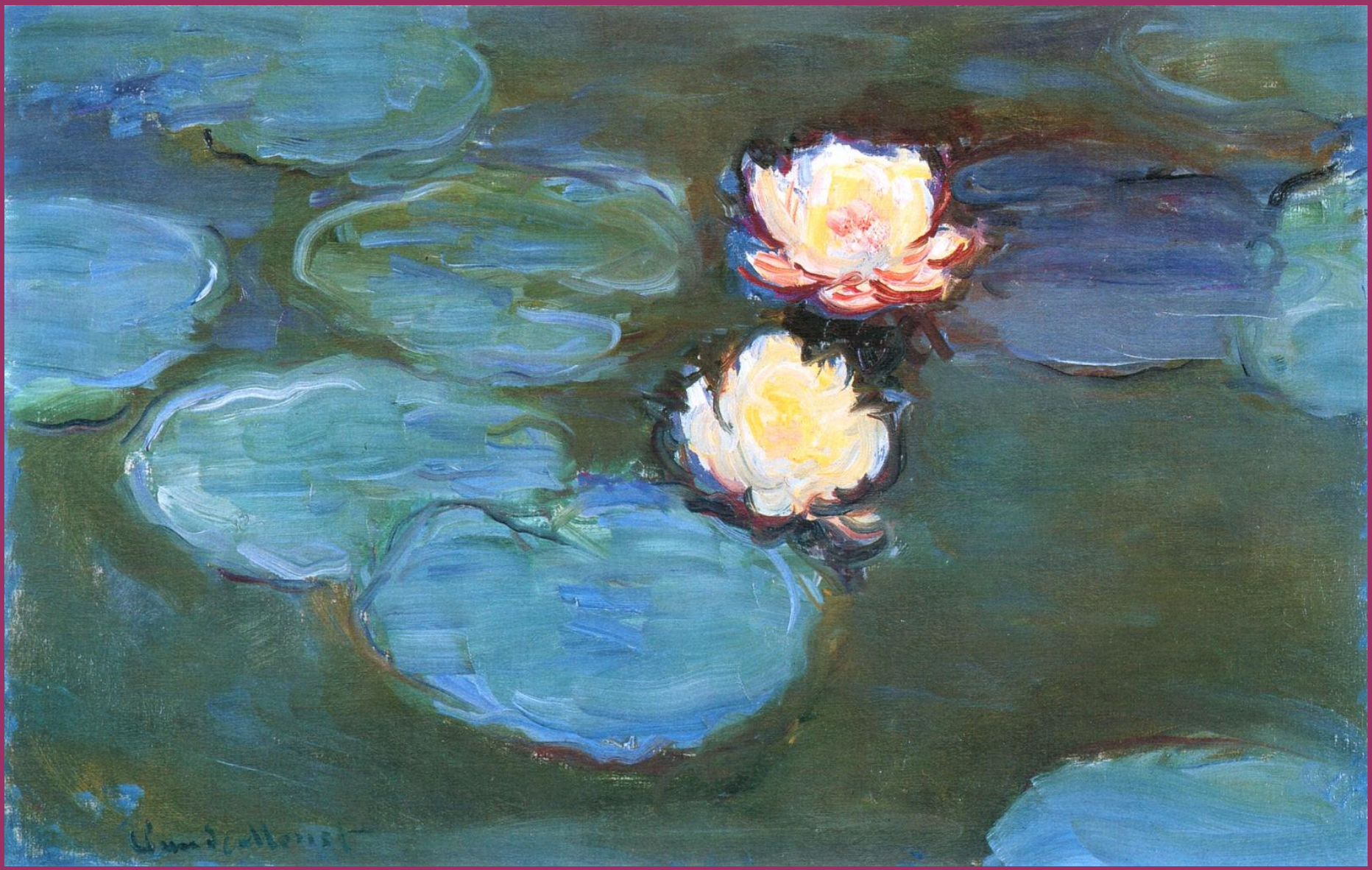


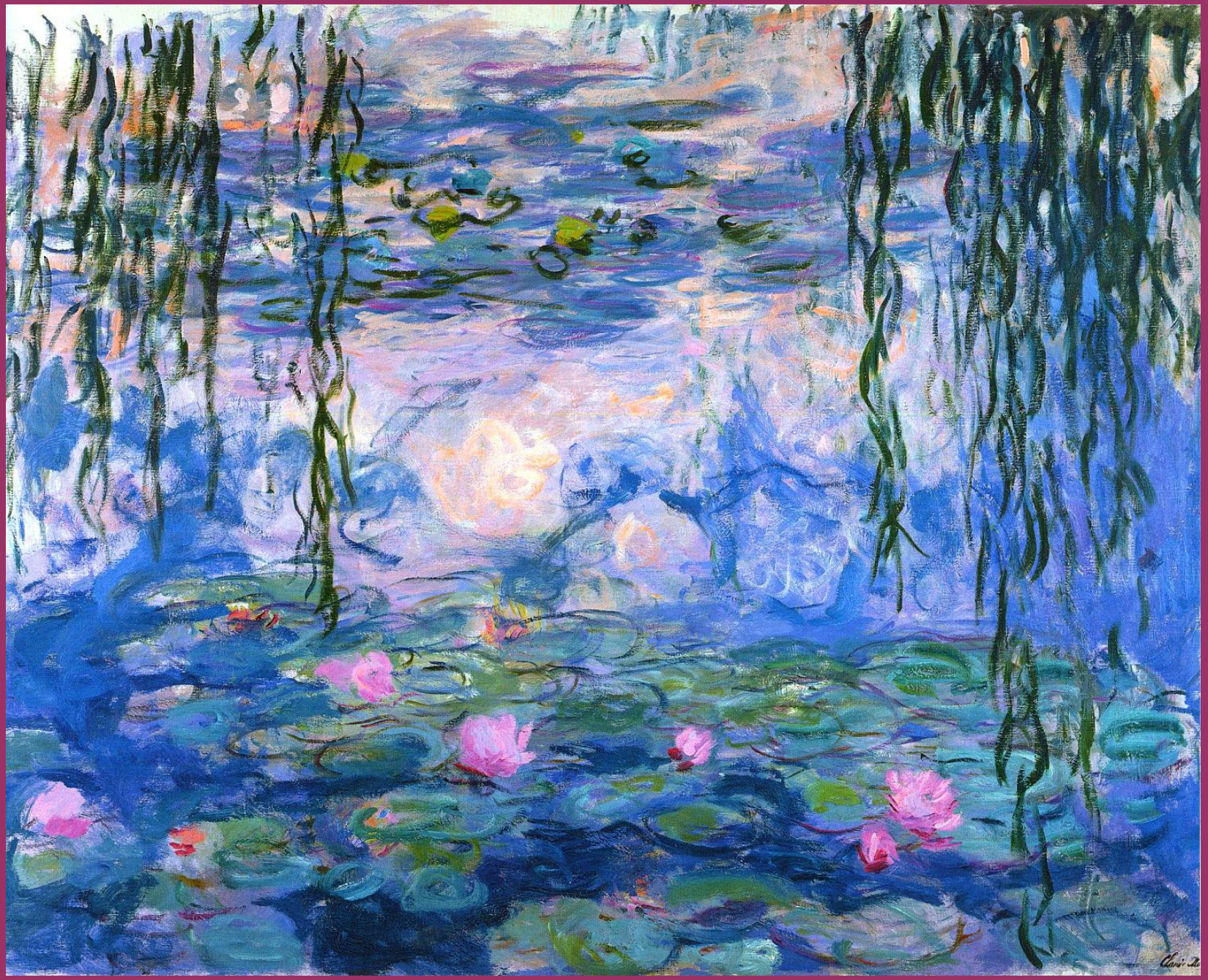


Claude painted many things, but he is probably best known for his beautiful water lily paintings.

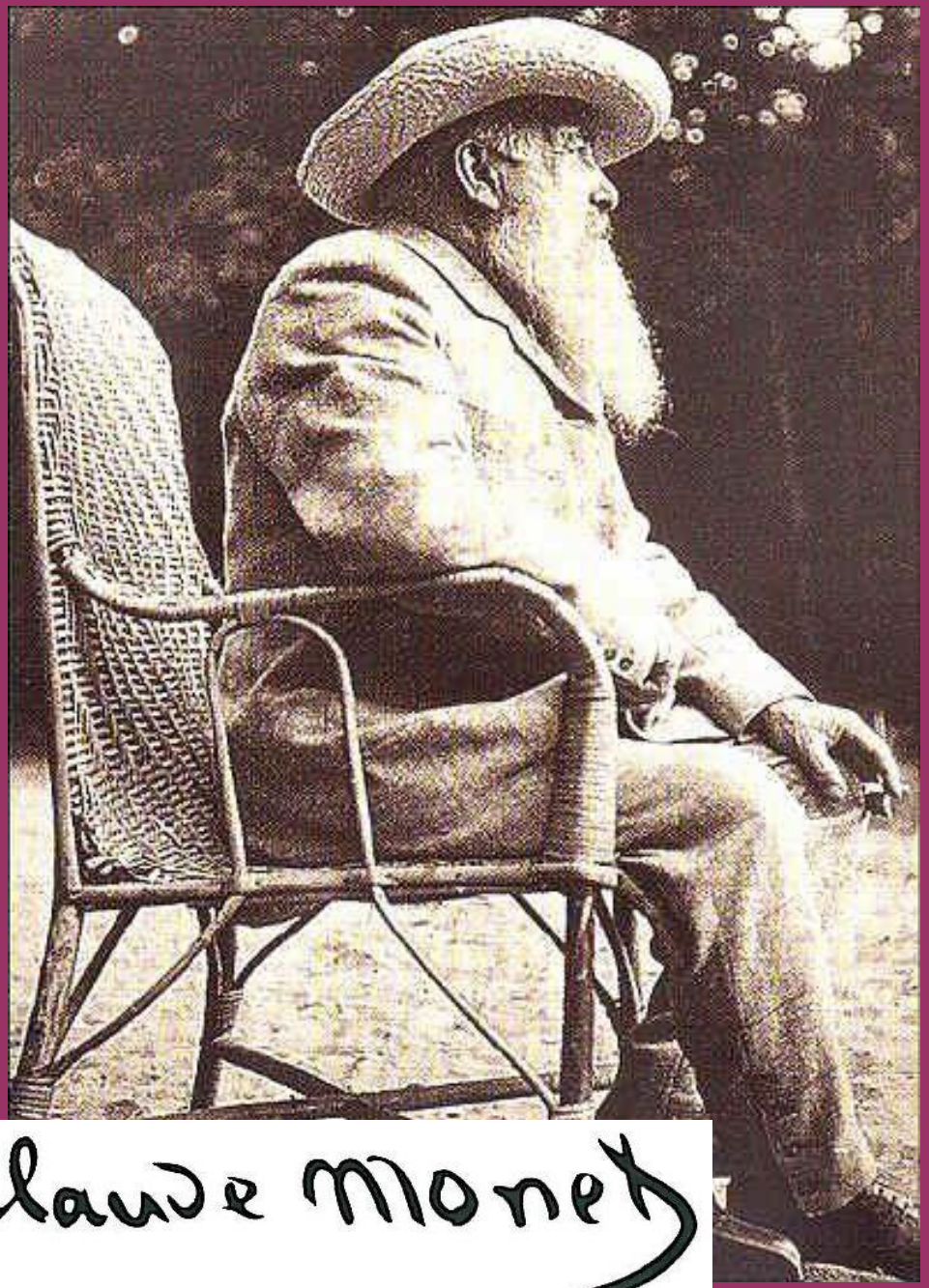


In his water lily paintings Claude liked to paint the reflections of light and color in the water.





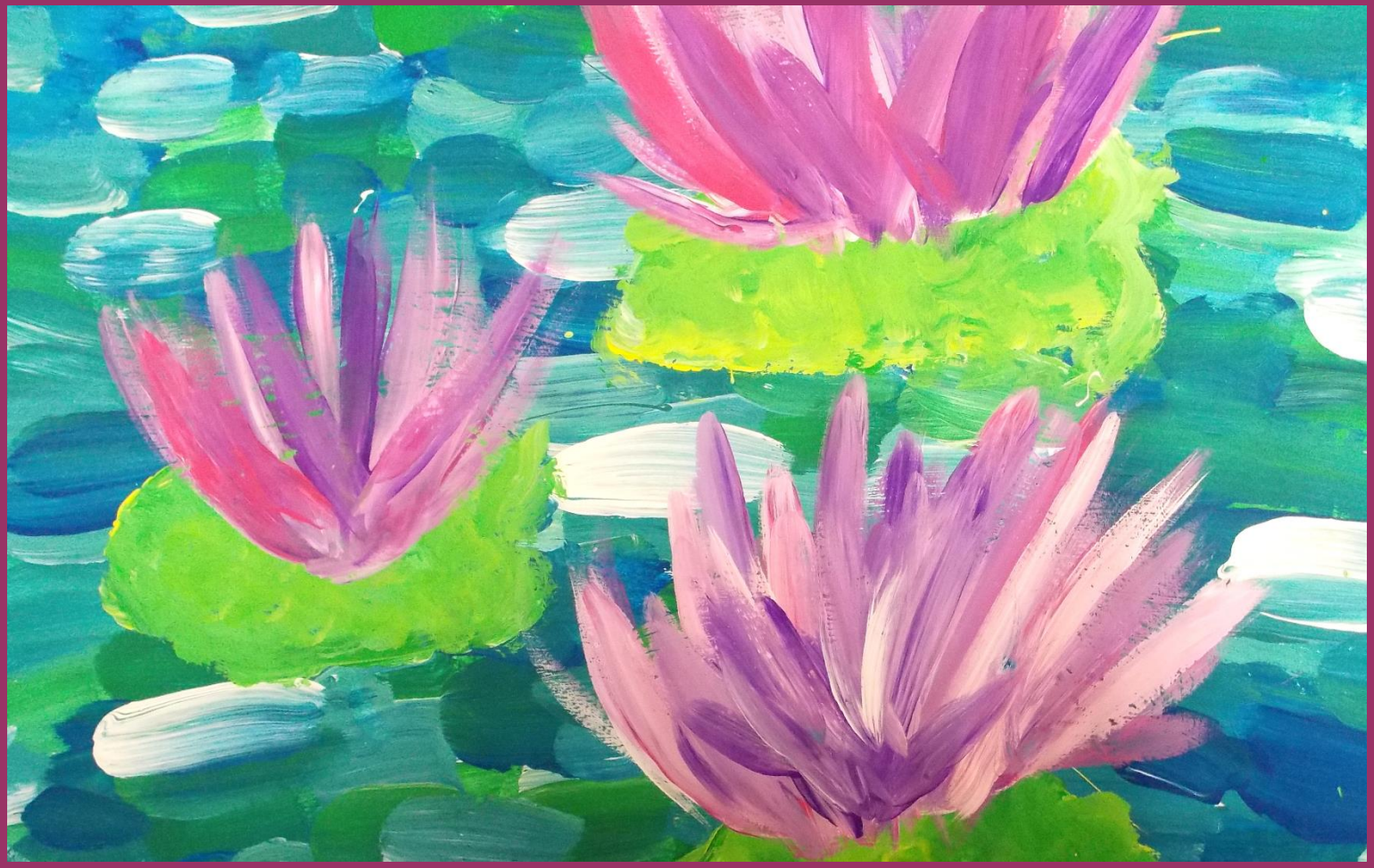
In his lifetime he painted over 2500 paintings.
He is sometimes criticised for being a 'chocolate box' painter but One sold recently for £32,000,000!!!!



Monet suffered with his eyesight and had cataracts that badly affected his vision.,,,this however never stopped hm painting

No many people know….
Many of the canvasses that Monet used actually had a different painting on them.
When he wasn't satisfied with how a painting was turning out, he would simply paint over the existing canvas.
There's a good chance that several of his most famous paintings have more than one draft of them buried underneath the layers of oil paint that is on display!

Art Competition…….



Claude Monet - Water Lilies 1906