

Blanche Hoschedé-Monet

News lesson - Student version

1. Vocabulary List

Explain the words below.

Painter –

Stepdaughter –

Garden –

Outside –

Beautiful –



2. Reading

Put the following statements in the correct gaps. There is one extra statement that you do not need.

- She painted flowers, trees, and gardens.
- They lived in Rouen and later in Beaumont-le-Roger.
- Blanche became Monet's stepdaughter.
- Blanche went to an art school.

Blanche Hoschedé-Monet was a French painter. She was born in Paris in 1865. Her mother, Alice, married Claude Monet, a famous artist. (1)
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Blanche loved painting. She started painting when she was young. (2)
..... She often painted outside with Monet.

In 1897, Blanche married Jean Monet, Claude Monet's son. (3)
..... After her husband died in 1914, Blanche returned to Giverny to care for Claude Monet.

Blanche continued painting and helped take care of Monet's house and garden. She died in 1947. Today, people remember her beautiful paintings.

3.Comprehension – True or False

Are the statements below true or false? Correct the false statements.

1. Blanche was born in the UK.
2. She was Claude Monet's stepdaughter.
3. Blanche painted flowers and trees.
4. She never got married.
5. Blanche helped take care of Monet.

4.Grammar Practice – Past Simple

Complete the sentences with the following words: LIVE, BE, PAINT, MARRY, HELP.

1. Blanche ____ flowers and trees.
2. She ____ in France.
3. Her mother ____ Claude Monet.
4. Blanche ____ Monet in the house.
5. Blanche Hoschedé-Monet ____ a French painter.

5.Discussion Questions

Discuss in pairs or groups of three.

1. Do you like painting or drawing?
2. What is your favorite color?
3. Do you know any artists?
4. Would you like to visit a garden?
5. Do you like learning about history?

6.Speaking

For this exercise, you'll need a piece of paper and a pencil/pen. Work in pairs. One person from each pair looks for a painting of Blanche online. Do not show the picture to your friend. Describe the painting and give instructions on what the other person has to draw. Repeat with the other person from the pair.

Sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blanche_Hosched%C3%A9_Monet

<https://www.artnet.com/artists/blanche-hosched%C3%A9-monet/biography>

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Introduction

Ask your students what they know about art, if they like it, if they go to museums. Then write the word **IMPRESSIONISM** and ask them for adjectives/words in general they associate with this art movement. Maybe they know some names?

1. Vocabulary List

Explain the words below. Work with your students to explain the words below.

- Painter – a person who makes art with paint
- Stepdaughter – *the daughter of your husband or wife from another marriage*
- Garden – a place with flowers and plants
- Outside – not inside, in the open air
- Beautiful – very nice to look at

2. Reading

You can read the text together as a class, or you can give your students some time to read it on their own. Check the answers together and explain any additional vocabulary that might be problematic.

Put the following statements in the correct gaps. There is one extra statement that you do not need.

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- They lived in Rouen and later in Beaumont-le-Roger.
- Blanche became Monet's stepdaughter.
- *Blanche went to an art school. - extra one*

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Blanche loved painting. She started painting when she was young. (2.) *She painted flowers, trees, and gardens.* She often painted outside with Monet.

In 1897, Blanche married Jean Monet, Claude Monet's son. (3.) *They lived in Rouen and later in Beaumont-le-Roger.* After her husband died in 1914, Blanche returned to Giverny to care for Claude Monet.

Blanche continued painting and helped take care of Monet's house and garden. She died in 1947. Today, people remember her beautiful paintings.

3.Comprehension – True or False

Are the statements below true or false? Correct the false statements.

1. Blanche was born in the UK. → False
2. She was Claude Monet's stepdaughter. → True
3. Blanche painted flowers and trees. → True
4. She never got married. → False
5. Blanche helped take care of Monet. → True

4.Grammar Practice – Past Simple

Complete the sentences with the following words in the correct form: LIVE, BE, PAINT, MARRY, HELP.

1. Blanche PAINTED (paint) flowers and trees.
2. She LIVED (live) in France.
3. Her mother MARRIED (marry) Claude Monet.
4. Blanche HELPED (help) Monet in the house.
5. Blanche Hoschedé-Monet WAS (be) a French painter.

5.Discussion Questions

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Your students should work in pairs, and monitor their work as they go.

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