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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. Describe Claude Monet's family background. _____

2. Where did Monet study art? Who did he meet there? _____

3. How did Monet's life change after he had become famous throughout the art world? _____

4. On which occasion did the impressionist movement start? _____

5. What kind of paintings did Monet paint in his later life? _____

6. Describe the features of impressionist artwork. _____

7. How was Monet criticized for his work? _____

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Explain in English

- mistress _____
- landscape painting _____
- stroke _____
- canvas _____
- exhibition _____
- debt _____
- pond _____
- shadow _____

CLAUDE MONET – EXERCISES

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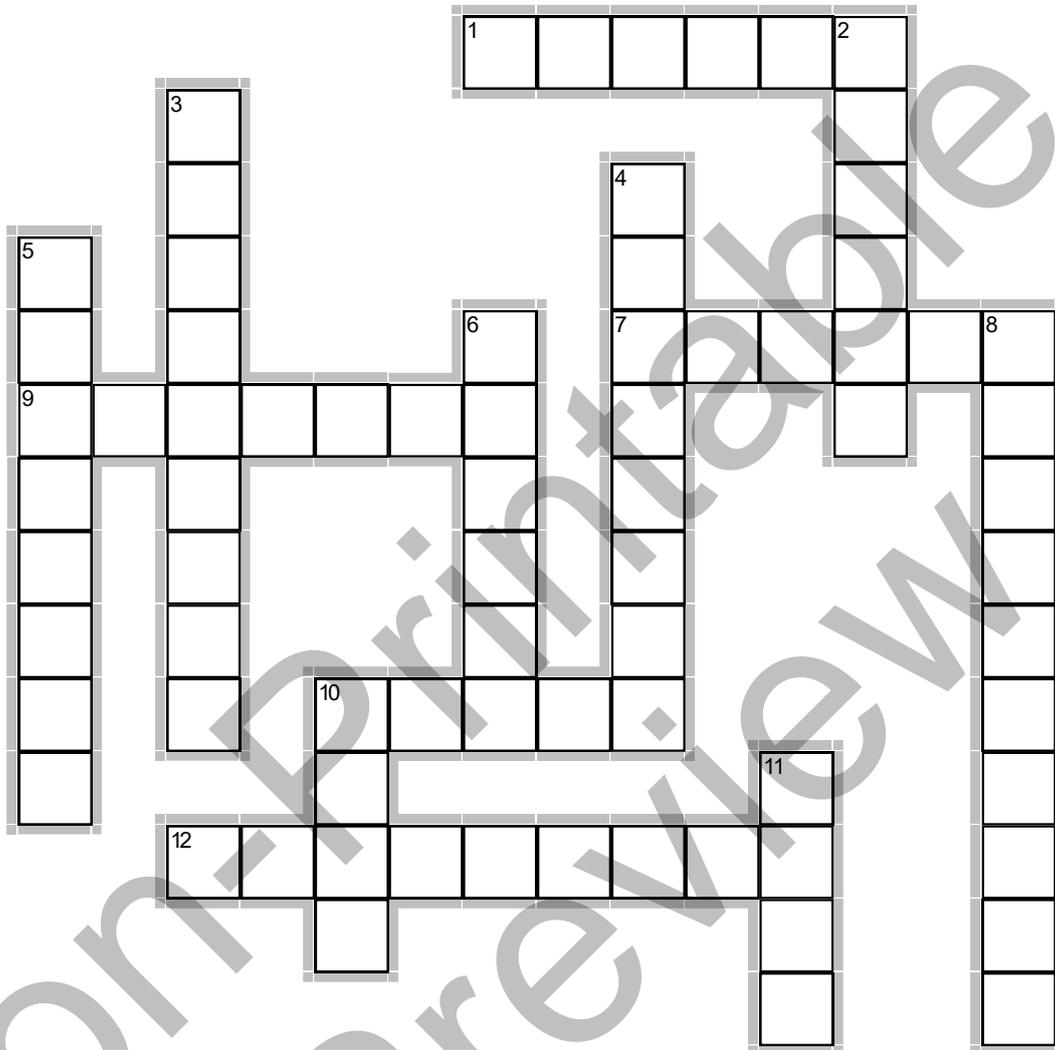
Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	abandon			look like
B	technique			someone who criticizes another person or idea
C	shadow			money that you have to give back to someone
D	resemble			leave, keep away from
E	fellow			piece of cloth that an artist paints on
F	debt			dark shape that an object makes in the sunlight
G	canvas			collection of paintings
				method of painting
				colleague

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Match the beginnings of the sentences with the sentence endings. There is ONE ending you will not need.

A	Claude Monet was one of the most famous artists			experimented in nature painting with other impressionists.
B	After being born in Paris, Monet's family			did not sell any paintings.
C	In his early Paris life Monet			his life started to change.
D	When Monet became famous			as unfinished artwork.
E	In the first impressionist exhibition Monet and his colleagues			of the French impressionist period.
F	Some of Monet's critics saw his paintings			drew a series of paintings of his garden.
				moved to Le Havre.



Across

1. piece of cloth that an artist paints on
7. single movement with a pen or brush
9. one of Monet's famous paintings is called "*Impression: _____*"
10. city Monet was born in
12. nature or countryside

Down

2. dark shape that an object makes when the sun shines on it
3. method of painting
4. woman with whom you have a relationship with and is not your wife
5. look like
6. last name of one of Monet's fellow colleagues
8. show of the paintings you have made
10. small lake
11. the money that you have borrowed from someone and have to give back

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Claude Monet - Complete the text with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.

Claude Monet was one of the most famous painters of the (1) _____ period. He worked together with many other painters of his period, including Renoir and Sisley.

At an early age Monet developed a (2) _____ for drawing. He spent much of his time as a child in (3) _____ and observed the world around him.

After studying (4) _____ in Paris he soon became famous but quickly went through a dark period in his life. He started spending too much money and saw how his wife became ill and died.

In 1874 Monet and other (5) _____ showed their works at an (6) _____. It was the first display of impressionist paintings. Although many people came to see them, the group did not sell any paintings.

Monet liked to paint nature as it (7) _____ to him, with different (8) _____ of colours, shadows and light effects that he observed during different times of day. He became famous for short, colourful (9) _____ of the brush. Critics of the time, however, claimed that Monet had given up classical painting and thought his works were (10) _____ .

In his later life Monet concentrated on (11) _____ art that he painted in London and Venice. He came back to France and settled in Giverny, where he stayed until he died in 1926. There, Monet became obsessed with painting (12) _____ scenes. A series of paintings, called *Water Lilies*, displays impressions of a pond.

appeared

art

artists

colours

exhibition

garden

impressionist

landscape

nature

period

shades

strokes

talent

unfinished

