Monet (1840-1926)

* Initiated and led the Impressionist movement
* Painted the same subject in different lights
* Preferred painting the out of doors
* Famed for his water-lilies theme

Renoir (1841-1919)

* Painted snapshots of real life
* Used sparkling color and light
* Believed art should be pretty
* Favored themes of instant appeal
* Lovely women
* Pretty children
* Beautiful scenes

Morisot (1841-1895)

* Became the first woman to join Impressionists
* Confined color to a naturalistic framework
* Painted studies of women

Degas (1834-1917)

* Master of drawing the human figure in motion
* Preferred pastels
* Favored ballet dancers and horses as theme