

Mary Cassatt

1844 - Born Pennsylvania died => 1926 (82)

Youth: spent 5 years in Europe – learned **German & French**

1855 (11) – Went to Paris **World's Fair**

(15) – Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts: 20% Female (1/5)

Moved to **Paris**

1870 (26) – **Back in U.S.** because of Franco-Prussian War. Few women view art as a **career**. Cassatt did. When she told her **father** she wanted to be an artist, he said, “I would almost rather see you dead.”

1871 (27) – **Chicago Fire** destroys a lot of her work.

1872 (28) – **Mandolin Player** in Salon. Great Achievement for woman, even greater for American woman.

1877 (33) – **No art in Salon**, two **rejected**. Parents visit with sister, Lydia. Father still doesn't pay support for art supplies. She must earn it.

1879 (35) – Begin to **show** with **Impressionists**. Begins sketching outside the studio. Friendship / mentored by **Degas**.

1882 (38) – **Lydia dies**. They had been living together and were close.

1886 (42) – **First Impressionist showing** in the **U.S.**

1890 (46) – **Japanese** exhibition in **France**. She does some drypoint & aquatint prints.

>1900 – Begins to focus on **mothers** and **children** as subjects. To help children sit still, she has **Mark Twain** stories read to them. (Like Renoir).

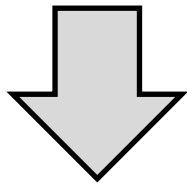
1906 (62) – Brother **Alexander dies**. President of Pennsylvania RR. (Mention Monopoly – Penn. RR & Penn. Ave.)

1910 (66) – Trip to **Egypt**.

1914 (70) – Forced to **stop painting** – almost **blind**. Worked on **Women's suffrage** afterwards.

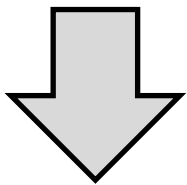
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Chicago Fire



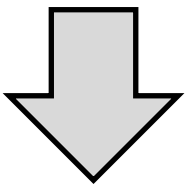
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Mandolin Player



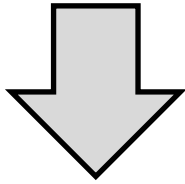
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No art in Salon



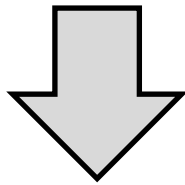
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Begins to show with Impressionists.



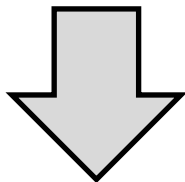
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Lydia dies.



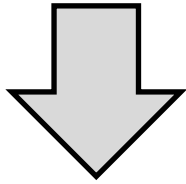
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First U.S. Impressionist showing.



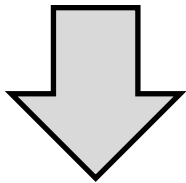
1890 (46)

Japanese exhibition in France.



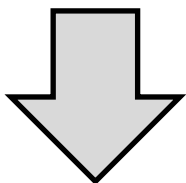
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