Pierre-Auguste Renoir

Who was Pierre-Auguste Renoir?

- Pierre-Auguste Renoir was a famous French artist known for his beautiful, colourful paintings.
- He was one of the leading artists of the Impressionist movement and is celebrated for his vibrant, joyful scenes and portraits.
- Renoir's paintings are known for their light, vibrant colors and soft brushstrokes.



Childhood:

- Renoir was born on February 25, 1841, in Limoges, France.
- As a child, he loved to draw on the walls of his home with chalk!
- His father was a tailor, and his family wasn't wealthy, so Renoir had to work from a young age.
- He started working as a porcelain painter in a factory when he was just 13 years old.
- He loved to sing and once thought about becoming a musician.
- As a child, he painted on the walls of his home with chalk his first art "gallery"!

Education:

- Renoir attended a local Catholic school as a boy.
- He later took evening drawing classes while working during the day.
- Renoir also studied at the studio of Charles Gleyre, where he met other famous artists like Monet and Sisley.
- He worked as a porcelain painter in a factory when he was just 13 years old.
- In 1862, he studied at the **École des Beaux-Arts** in Paris, a very famous art school.

Career:

- **Leader of Impressionism:** Renoir helped start the Impressionist movement, which focused on painting light, colour, and everyday life instead of serious historical scenes.
- **First Exhibition in 1874:** He joined other artists like Monet and Degas to show their work in a new way, outside the traditional art galleries.
- Painted Friends and Family: Renoir often painted people he knew, including his wife, children, and close friends, making his work feel warm and personal.
- **Inspired by Italy:** A trip to Italy in 1881–82 inspired him to study the great masters like Raphael, which changed how he painted he used clearer outlines and more solid shapes.
- **Big Exhibitions:** Renoir's work became more popular during his lifetime. By the 1890s, his paintings were shown in big exhibitions in France and internationally.
- **Royal Commissions:** He was asked to paint portraits of important people, including French aristocrats and even royalty!
- **Kept Painting Despite Illness:** Even when he had severe arthritis and couldn't move his hands properly, Renoir continued to paint with brushes tied to his fingers.
- **His Art in Famous Museums:** Today, Renoir's paintings are displayed in some of the most famous museums in the world like the Musée d'Orsay in Paris and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Quotes from Renoir:

- "The pain passes, but the beauty remains."
- "One must from time to time attempt things that are beyond one's capacity."
- "A picture must be an amiable thing, joyous and pretty yes, pretty!"





Dance at Le Moulin de la Galette



Luncheon of the Boating Party The Swing



Girls at the Piano



The Farm at Les Collettes



Gabrielle and Jean (his son and the nanny)

