

## Lesson 7

## READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

## Manet and Monet

**Manet and Monet were French artists. They lived at about the same time, and both were controversial.**

**Manet shocked the public with a painting entitled “Luncheon on the Grass.” It featured two clothed men and a naked woman having a picnic. It was considered risqué at the time.**

**Monet’s paintings were criticized for being “unfinished.” He often used outlines and tiny brush strokes to create an impression of a scene. Some viewers liked these paintings. Others thought they looked like the work of an amateur.**

**You should view their paintings yourself. Most large art museums have at least one painting by Manet or Monet because they have become very popular. You can also find reproductions of their famous paintings in most museum gift shops.**

**Touring a museum is a good way to introduce yourself to the works of classic artists. But art museums can become dull, boring, and confusing places if you attempt to view a large collection of paintings in a short time.**

**Some pictures may not appeal to your taste. When you do find a gem, make a mental note to do a little research on the artist. The more you know about the life of an artist, the more you will appreciate his or her work.**