



1870

Discussing the Franco-Prussian War in a Paris café, from *The Illustrated London News*, 1870.



1879

Jean-Louis Forain, *Café Interior*

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Ladies' fashion of the era



# 1880s



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1888 Peterson's Magazine fashion plate Ladies' fashion of the era



1867

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, celebrating her 50th year on the British throne



1885

*Dancer Adjusting Her Shoe*, Edgar Degas



Camille Pissarro, *Haystack, Eragny*, 1885



1900

Auguste Rodin's *Le Penseur* (*The Thinker*) in the garden of the Rodin Museum, Paris, is the first of approximately 28 large-scale casts of the sculpture, first executed in plaster and conceived as part of a larger commission, *The Gates of Hell*.

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The Third Republic is established as the government of France, and remains in place until 1940.



John Singer Sargent, *Portrait of Gabriel Fauré*, 1885

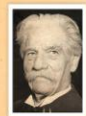
1877

Gabriel Fauré composes his *Pavane in F-Sharp Minor, Opus 50*. Fauré's music is sometimes seen as a link between the Romanticism of the 19th century and early 20th-century Modernism.



1876

Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone.



1875

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, French theologian and recipient of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, is born.



Claude Monet, *Impressionism, Sunrise*, 1872 (The painting from which the term "Impressionism" is derived.)

1874

The first Impressionist exhibition opens in Paris in the studio of the photographer Nadar. The Société Anonyme Coopérative des Artistes, Peintres, Sculpteurs, Graveurs was formed by Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley, Cézanne, Morisot, Degas, and several others, in opposition to the Paris Salon.



1876

Construction of the *Statue of Liberty, (Liberty Enlightening the World)* begins, designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, with the interior iron framework by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel.



1878

The Exposition Universelle, the third Paris World's Fair, takes place to celebrate the recovery of France after the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. This fair is much grander in scale than any fair held previously around the world.



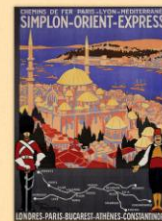
The Brooklyn Bridge opens to the public.

1883



1888

George Eastman patents the box camera, one of the first popular and easy-to-use cameras.



1889

The Orient Express makes its first run, linking Istanbul, Turkey, to Paris, France, by rail.



1886

On American Independence Day, France presents the *Statue of Liberty, (Liberty Enlightening the World)* to the United States at ceremonies in Paris, in commemoration of 100 years of American independence. The statue is installed in New York in 1885 and dedicated in 1886.

1885

The last of eight Paris Impressionist exhibitions is held. Pissarro exhibits his first "pointilliste" works and insists on including Seurat and Signac. As in several of the previous exhibitions, Monet, Renoir and Sisley refuse to participate.



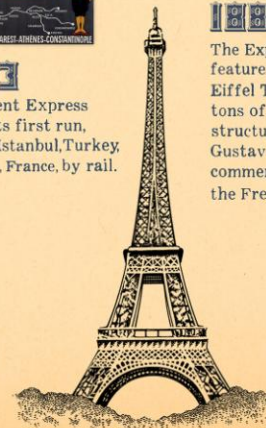
Alfred Sisley, *The Terrace at Saint-Germain, Spring*, 1875, purchased by dealer Durand-Ruel in 1880.

1889

The first major exhibition of Impressionist work is shown in America. Held in the Mechanics Building in Boston, the Foreign Exhibition presents works by Monet, Manet, Pissarro, Renoir, Sisley, Courbet, and Corot, among others, assembled primarily from the collection of Paris art dealer, Paul Durand-Ruel.

1889

The Exposition Universelle features the newly completed Eiffel Tower. Constructed of 7,000 tons of iron and steel, the 984-foot structure, designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel for the exposition, commemorates the centennial of the French Revolution.



Terrestrial Globe (Globe Céleste) and Eiffel Tower

1872

The Metropolitan Museum of Art opens in New York City.



1875

George Bizet's opera *Carmen* opens at the Opéra-Comique in Paris.



1879

Thomas Edison invents practical electric light.

