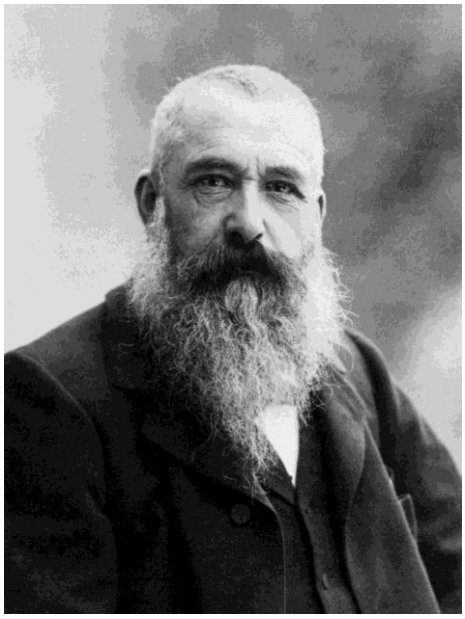
Year 4

Our 'Adopted' Famous French Person:

Claude Monet



Claude Monet (14th November 1840 - 5th December 1926) was a French painter and the founder of Impressionist painting.

Monet was born in Paris in 1840. He grew up in Le Havre, a port in Normandy, and demonstrated great artistic talent from an early age.

In the 1860s, Monet became friends with other artists, including Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The group of artists became known as the Impressionists because of Monet's painting called '*Impression: Sunrise*'.

The inspiration for most of Monet's paintings came from nature. Like other Impressionist painters, he was fascinated by the way light and shadows change during the day. He often painted the same scene again and again to show all the variations of light and shadow.

Monet was famous during his lifetime and his paintings remain extremely popular today. They are on display in art museums all around the world.

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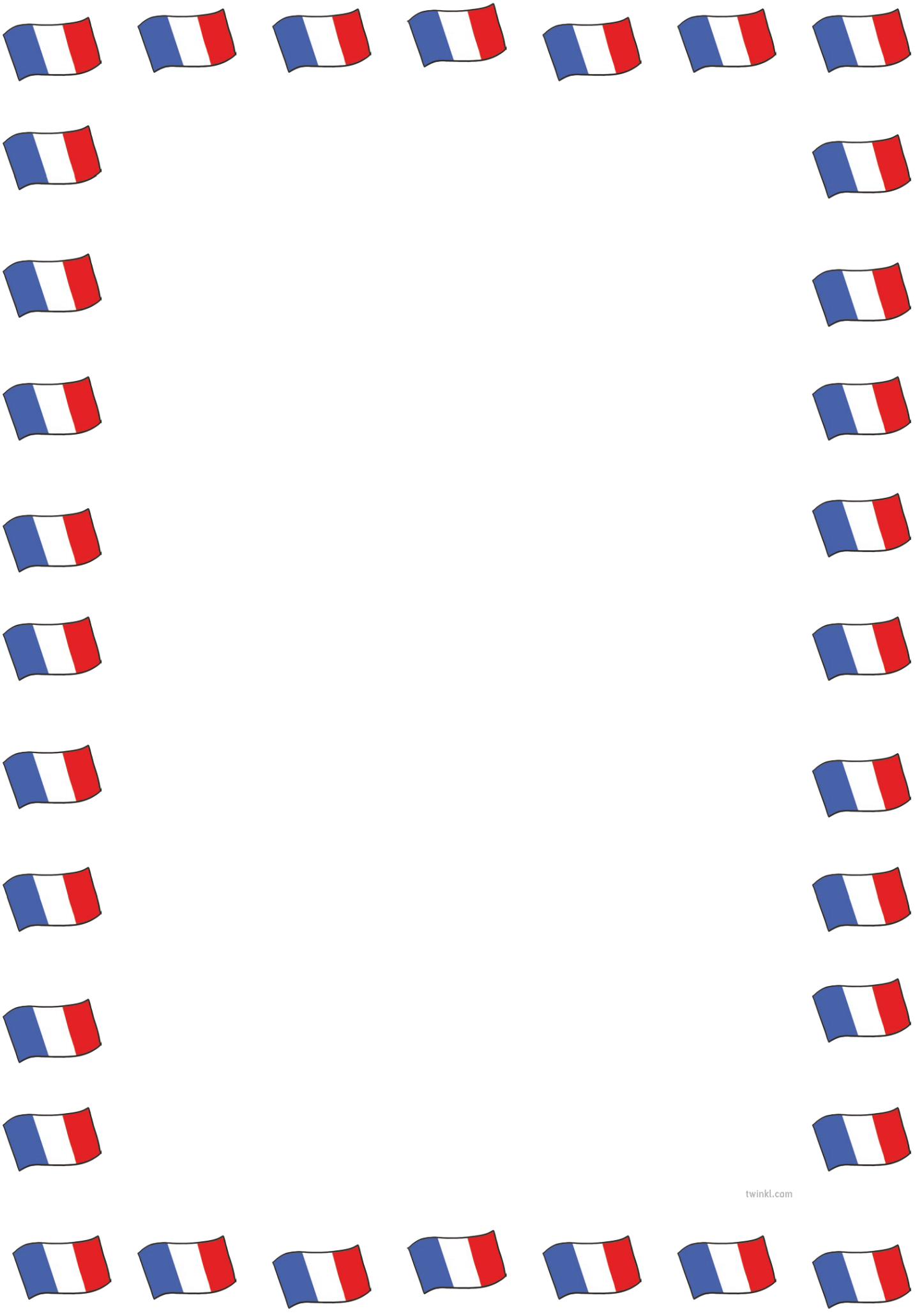

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