

# The Courtauld

## Artist Biography (Life Story) for Teachers: Édouard Manet



↑ Photograph of Édouard Manet

↑ Édouard Manet (1832 -1883), *A Bar at the Folies- Bergère*, 1882, Oil on Canvas, 96x 130cm, The Courtauld, London (Samuel Courtauld Trust) © The Courtauld



### Listen to Édouard Manet talk about his life:

Hello, my name is Édouard **Manet**. I am a famous **artist**.

I was born in Paris in **France** in 1832.

My **family** are wealthy. They are interested in **politics**.

My father wants me to be a **lawyer**. I do not want to be a **lawyer**. I am an artist!

I like **travelling**. I have travelled to Germany, **Italy**, the Netherlands and **Spain**.

In my paintings you can see **people** enjoying **life** in Paris.

They are listening to **music**, singing, dancing, eating, drinking, and **laughing**.

I like to paint **outdoors**. I am a rebellious artist. Some of my paintings are **shocking**.

In 1863 I married my **music teacher**. Her name is **Suzanne**. She plays the piano.

**Suzanne** has one son. His name is **Leon**. I don't know if Leon is my son. It is complicated.

I hope you enjoy looking at my paintings.



## Listening Activity - Édouard Manet's Life Story

Tick  the correct statement:

- Édouard Manet is an artist  True /  False
- Édouard Manet was born in Germany  True /  False
- He was born in 1832  True /  False
- His family are poor  True /  False
- His father wanted him to be a lawyer  True /  False
- He does not like travelling  True /  False
- He travelled to China  True /  False
- In his paintings you can see cars  True /  False
- He likes painting indoors  True /  False
- His wife is called Suzanne  True /  False
- Suzanne has a son called Leon  True /  False