



Rembrandt van Rijn

Famous for his portraits, Rijn was skilled at using light and shadows to create depth. His painting *The Night Watch*, pictured here, is one of the most famous paintings in the world.

Baroque

Quick Facts

- Fell short of the high standards set by the Renaissance movement
- Usually consisted of large-scale works of public art such as frescoes

Characteristics and Types

- Dramatic use of light and shade
- Depicted emotional events
- Featured religious subjects in everyday life

Influences

- Scientific discovery
- Catholic church
- Increased awareness of people and surroundings



Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio

Caravaggio was considered one of the most revolutionary artists of his time. He is often credited with creating the Baroque style. As can be seen in this painting titled *The Cardsharps*, Caravaggio's artwork diverted from the path of religion and idealization of man seen in previous movements.



Johannes Vermeer

Girl with a Pearl Earring is one of Vermeer's most famous and recognizable pieces. His use of color and shading distinguishes him from other artists. He achieved this by layering multiple colors over each other to get a particular look. His pieces were usually very vivid with bright colors and expert use of light and dark shadows.