

Learning French – The Artistic Way

Welcome to a new kind of French lesson — where every brushstroke, every ripple, and every smile teaches you something new!

Today, we won't be sitting in a classroom.

We'll be wandering through the grand halls of the Louvre, feeling the emotion of each masterpiece and learning French *the way it was meant to be experienced* — through art, light, and imagination.

Today's Lesson: **Three Paintings from the Louvre**  

Use the included phonetic guides to respond to the actions, emotions, and atmosphere captured in each scene.

You'll soon be describing glowing sunsets, rippling waters, and mysterious smiles — all *en français*!

Because learning French doesn't have to be boring...

It can be a masterpiece of its own.

 *Learning French can be fun... when you learn it the Artistic Way.*

Your Host and Tour Guide,
Walker

1. *La Liberté guidant le peuple* — Eugène Delacroix

(Liberty Leading the People)

Scene: A woman, symbolizing Liberty, leads the people forward over the bodies of the fallen, holding the French flag high.



French Phrases:

- **La femme lève haut le drapeau.**
(lah fahm lehv oh luh drahpoh)
The woman raises the flag high.
 - **Les visages montrent la détermination.**
(lay vee-zahj mon-truh lah day-tair-mee-nah-syon)
The faces show determination.
 - **La fumée flotte dans l'air.**
(lah foo-may flot dahn lehr)
Smoke floats in the air.
 - **La lumière éclaire les combattants.**
(lah loo-myair ay-clair lay kom-bah-tahn)
The light shines on the fighters.
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2. *Le Radeau de la Méduse* — Théodore Géricault (*The Raft of the Medusa*)

Scene: Survivors on a raft desperately signaling a rescue ship after a shipwreck. Intense emotions, dramatic waves.



French Phrases:

- **Les vagues frappent le radeau.**
(lay vag frap luh rah-doh)
The waves hit the raft.
- **Les bras tendus appellent à l'aide.**
(lay brah tahn-dü ah-pell ah led)
The outstretched arms call for help.
- **Le désespoir se lit sur leurs visages.**
- **La mer reflète la lumière du ciel.**
(lah mehr ruh-flet lah loo-myair doo syehl)
The sea reflects the light of the sky.

🎨 3. *La Joconde* — Léonard de Vinci

(*The Mona Lisa*)

Scene: The most famous smile in the world, soft light, a mysterious background.



🗣️ French Phrases:

- **Son sourire est énigmatique.**
(sohn soo-reer eh ay-neeg-mah-teek)
Her smile is mysterious.
- **La lumière caresse son visage.**
(lah loo-myair kah-ress sohn vee-zahj)
The light caresses her face.
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- **Les montagnes lointaines flottent dans le brouillard.**
(lay mon-tahn lwahn-ten flot dahn luh broo-yar)
The distant mountains float in the mist.
- **Son regard suit le spectateur.**
(sohn ruh-gar süee luh spek-tah-töhr)
Her gaze follows the viewer.