# CARICATURES

Drawing was Monet's best subject at school. He found other schoolwork boring, but drew caricatures of his schoolteachers and friends to amuse them. Caricatures are often drawn of famous people to make fun of them, but you can do yours for enjoyment!
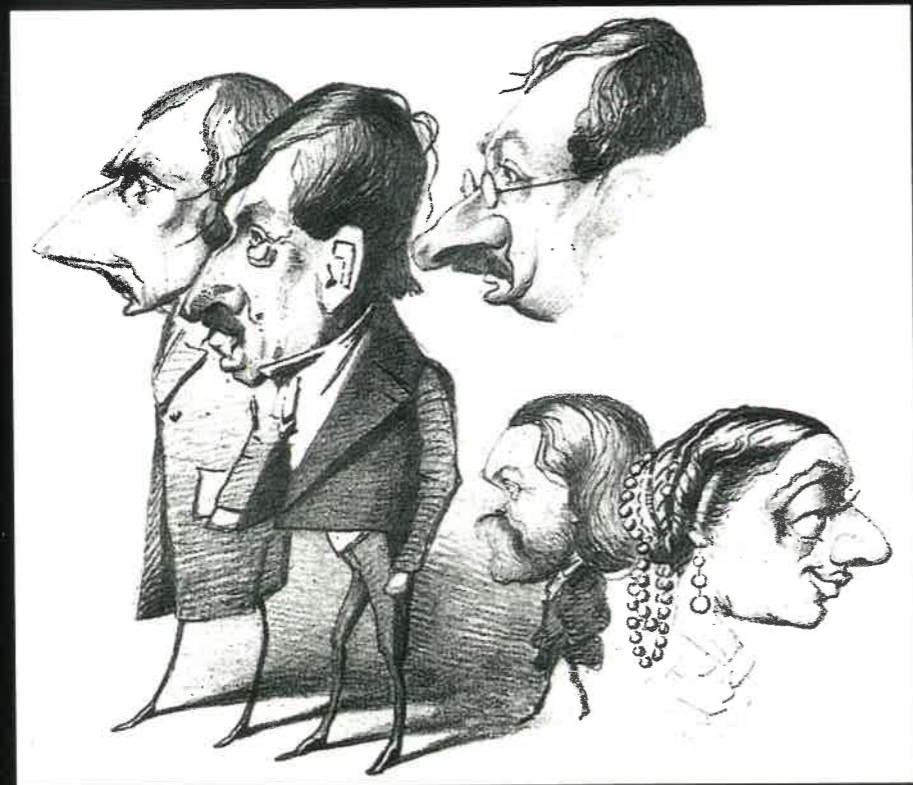
WHAT YOU NEED
Pencils • Paper
Sketchbook

## GALLERY

Caricatures c.1855
### CLAUDE MONET (1840 – 1926)

**CARICATURE**
A caricature is made when an artist takes a person's features and exaggerates them.

**HEAD AND BODY**
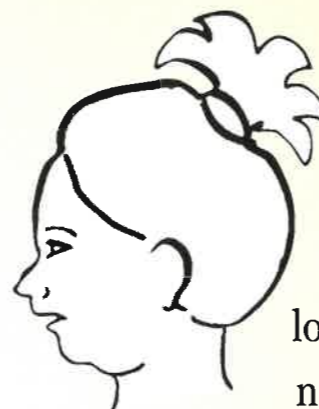Sometimes Monet would give his caricature a small body. This would make the head look even more unusual.

**Step 1.** Once you have made your sketch or chosen a photograph, look at it carefully and pick out some special features, like the nose, eyes, hairstyle, or chin.

**Step 2.** Practice enlarging and changing them in your sketchbook so they look amusing (but not unkind!)

Claude Monet always enjoyed drawing when he was at school in France. This is when he started to draw caricatures. He also liked to paint outdoors. He traveled a great deal, always taking his paints with him. Later, Monet became part of a group of French painters called Impressionists. He used paint to capture the way light played on landscapes and buildings.

**Step 3.** Choose what you are going to exaggerate and then draw the caricature. Can you still tell who it is meant to be? You can add a small body like Monet did if you like.