

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Be careful! There are three extra words you do not need to use!

canvas - both - portraits

EDGAR DEGAS

Edgar Degas, in full Hilaire-Germain-Edgar De Gas, De Gas later **spelled** Degas, (born July 19, 1834, Paris, France -died September 27, 1917, Paris), French painter, sculptor, and **printmaker** who was prominent in the Impressionist group and widely celebrated for his images of Parisian life. Degas's principal subject was the human (especially the **female**) figure, which he explored in works ranging from the sombre portraits of his early years to the studies of **laundresses**, cabaret singers, milliners, and prostitutes of his Impressionist period. Ballet dancers and women at their toilette would preoccupy him **throughout** his career. Degas was the only Impressionist to truly bridge the **gap** between traditional academic art and the radical **movements** of the early 20th century, a restless innovator who often set the pace for his younger colleagues. Acknowledged as one of the finest **draftsmen** of his age, Degas experimented with a **wide** variety of media, including oil, pastel, gouache, **etching**, lithography, monotype, wax modeling, and **photography**. In his last decades, both his subject matter and technique became **simplified**, resulting in a new art of vivid colour and **expressive** form, and in long sequences of closely linked **compositions**. Once marginalized as a "painter of dancers," Degas is now counted among the most complex and innovative figures of his generation, credited with **influencing** Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, and many of the leading figurative artists of the 20th century.

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