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- Impressionism: Important early 20c style.
 - Painters = concerned with effects of light, color, atmosphere;
 - Writers = effects of words, suggestion, stream of consciousness;
 - Music different chords, unresolved dissonances, create moods, atmosphere with tone color
- Debussy (1862-1918) French; Paris Conservatory; "talented rebel"; went to Russia as pianist for von Meck (Patroness of Tchaikovsky); won Prix de Rome (highest French award) to Italy and back; had little money and desired finest things in life, so borrowed money, mistress - left her for first wife; left her for rich, society woman. Had to tour to make money.
- Schoenberg (1874-1951) Vienna; self taught; lost job as bank clerk, so composed full time; conducted choir, orchestrated operettas; own works hostility; taught music theory and comp. and students loved him; wrote fast for 7 years; then 8 years = 0. Then published music using 12 tone system. Director of academy of Arts, Berlin, fired and to USA. Taught at UCLA; little recognition.
- Ives (1874-1954) USA; called first important Nationalistic composer, used American tunes. Father trained I. in music game = 2 tunes at once in different Keys. I. was church organist; Yale = D. taverage and athlete; Sold insurance and wrote music at night. people not like his music; published some with own money. Won a Pulitzer!
- Still (1895-1978) Mississippi; studied violin; to med. school but still played violin in string quartet; was pop music arranger and performer; newy in WWI. NYC = pop musician and composed classical music. First African American to conduct major symphony orchestra (Los Angeles Phil); wrote film scores, operas,; first to have opera performed by major company. (Troubled Island - about Haitian Slave rebellion 1949).
- Varese (1883-1965) - b. France, lived in US. free of traditional inst. = used more "sounds" = noise and percussion; "liberation of sound." created in tape studio at age 75.

Journals and colored pages due Wednesday, December 5 at end of class; not accepted before or late.

Exam: Monday, December 10 - 5:30 over Romantic and 20 Century.