

# From Museum to Runway

Fine Art Inspired Fashion

Fashion and Illustration

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## 'Mondrian' Dress

Yves Saint Laurent

1965

Paris, France

Museum no. T.369-1974

Given by Yves Saint Laurent

This cocktail dress is from the Mondrian collection, inspired by the 1920s abstract paintings by the Dutch artist of the same name. It was featured on the front of French Vogue in September 1965 and many cheaper copies were produced for the mass market.

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Yves Saint Laurent

*Yves Saint Laurent's legacy as a king of fashion designers, who created a masterpiece of a brand, keeps growing.*

- Yves Saint Laurent was born in 1936 and grew up in Oran, Algeria
- At 17, he left for Paris where he showed his drawings to Michel de Brunhoff - director of French **Vogue** - who published several of them immediately
- Following a stint at fashion school, Yves Saint Laurent was introduced to Christian Dior where he worked until Dior's death in 1957
- After taking over as art director for Dior, Yves Saint Laurent launched his first collection for the company, the Ligne Trapéze, that year. It was a resounding success and won him a Neiman Marcus Oscar
- In 1966, he introduced le smoking - his legendary smoking suit. His other inventions include the reefer jacket (1962), the sheer blouse (1966), and the jumpsuit (1968)
- In October 1998 Yves Saint Laurent showed his last ready-to-wear collection for the Rive Gauche label he had founded more than 30 years before. He carried on his haute couture until 2002

*At his last show, in 2002, a tearful Yves Saint Laurent took his final bow as his long-time muse, Catherine Deneuve, sang **Ma Plus Belle Histoire d'Amour**. Stefano Pilati, who replaced Tom Ford in 2005, continues Yves Saint Laurent's message that "dressing is a way of life".*

*Yves Saint Laurent died after a long period of ill health at his home in Paris on June 1, 2008. He was 71.*

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# Assignment

- Research art Movements, Genres and Eras
- Choose an artist, painting, movement or era for inspiration
- Create an illustration using your research for visual reference of mens or womens clothing/accessories
- Carefully choose media to suit the style