

Painting # 8

Private Collection

Title: *Head of a Dog, Bob*

Artist: Edouard Manet

(France)

Date of Painting: 1876

(Style, Realism and Impressionism)

Edouard Manet was born in Paris, France to wealthy parents. His father, a judge, wanted him to become a lawyer. When that did not work out he encouraged him to join the French Navy. Manet failed the admissions test twice. Happily for the world of beautiful art he followed his uncle's suggestion and took art lessons. He found his purpose.

This painting of a dog reflects Manet's effort to paint the real world. His beautiful paintings of everyday events, people and objects are amazing and very valuable.

Speaking of real events, after personally observing an American Civil War sea battle off the coast of France, he painted the sea battle focusing on two ships, the Kearsarge and Alabama.