Let's Chat

Julian Onderdonk

Impressionist Painter

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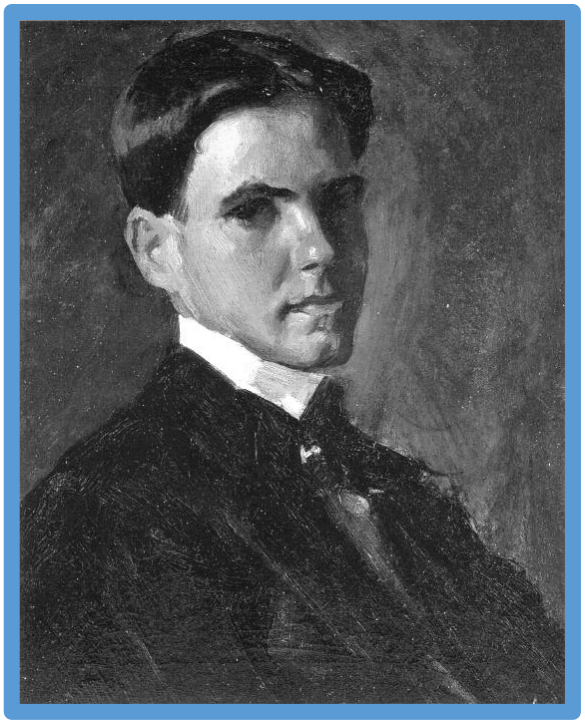

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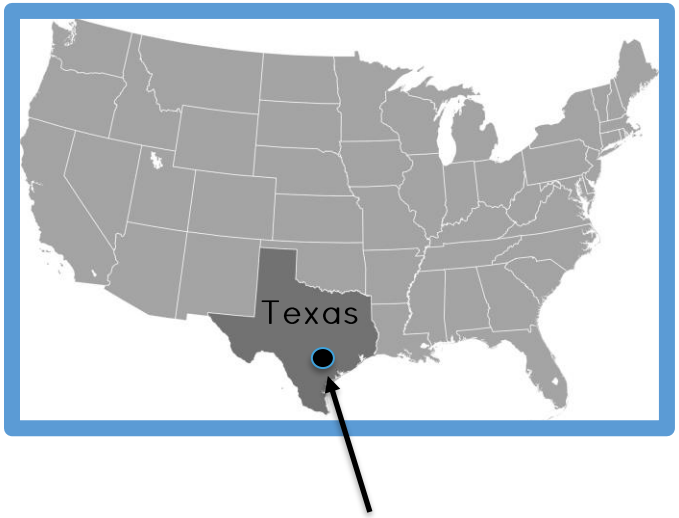
Julian Onderdonk was a famous painter. He died 100 years ago. Do you know anyone who likes to paint?



San Antonio, Texas

Julian was from **San Antonio, Texas.** His paintings are in art museums in Texas. What is an art museum like?

Julian was a **landscape** painter. He painted pictures of the outdoors. What is the landscape like where you live?

Julian painted fields of **bluebonnets**. Bluebonnets are the state flower for Texas. What is your state's

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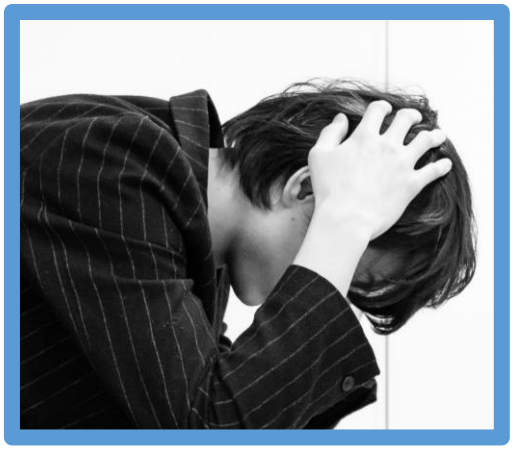
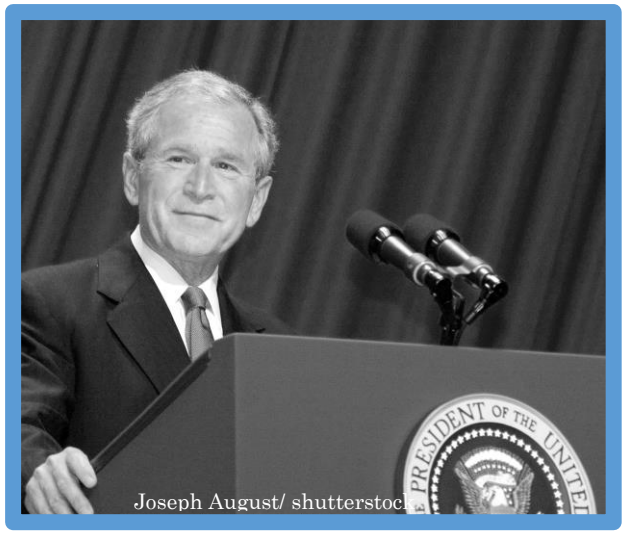
Julian was an **impressionist** painter. His paintings did not look exactly like the fields of bluebonnets. Julian painted them his own way. Do you like impressionist art?



Julian **worried** people would not like his paintings. But people loved his paintings! What do you worry about?



President **George W. Bush** is from Texas. He wanted a painting from Texas in the White House. Who is the president now?

Bush borrowed a Julian Onderdonk painting from an art museum in Texas. He hung it in the **Oval Office.** What does 'borrow' mean?

Bush **returned** the painting. Now it is in San Antonio Museum of Art. Why did Bush return the painting?

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