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Limited edition reproductions are multiples copies of the same image, but produced in guaranteed quantities.

An open-edition reproduction print can be produced in any quantity and the image may also be used for other purposes.

Giclée prints are made using digital printing technology, usually inkjet. The technology enables artists to produce prints that are indistinguishable from the original.

Several factors influence the price of art prints:

Artist and Rarity

Certainly the name of the artist is a major contributor to value. But the art prints of even the most famous artists can be found for a fraction of the price of the original.

Editions, Signatures and Seals

Before the twentieth century artists did not routinely number nor sign their prints by hand. Artists' prints are handmade and are not reproductions of paintings: the print is a unique work of art.

Condition

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Quality of Impression

Prints taken early from a plate or woodblock are more precise and detailed in lines than later impressions.

Size

Larger prints tend to cost more than smaller ones. This rule of thumb is less valid for older prints.

Provenance

Provenance, or the item's ownership history, can influence value. Prints from a famous collector or gallery can be worth more.

Subject

Although a matter of opinion and personal taste, the subject of a print has a great influence on its value.

In the end, it's your own opinion of the value of the print that matters the most. You'll be happy with what you buy.

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