



# *Artificially Creative Demo 3*

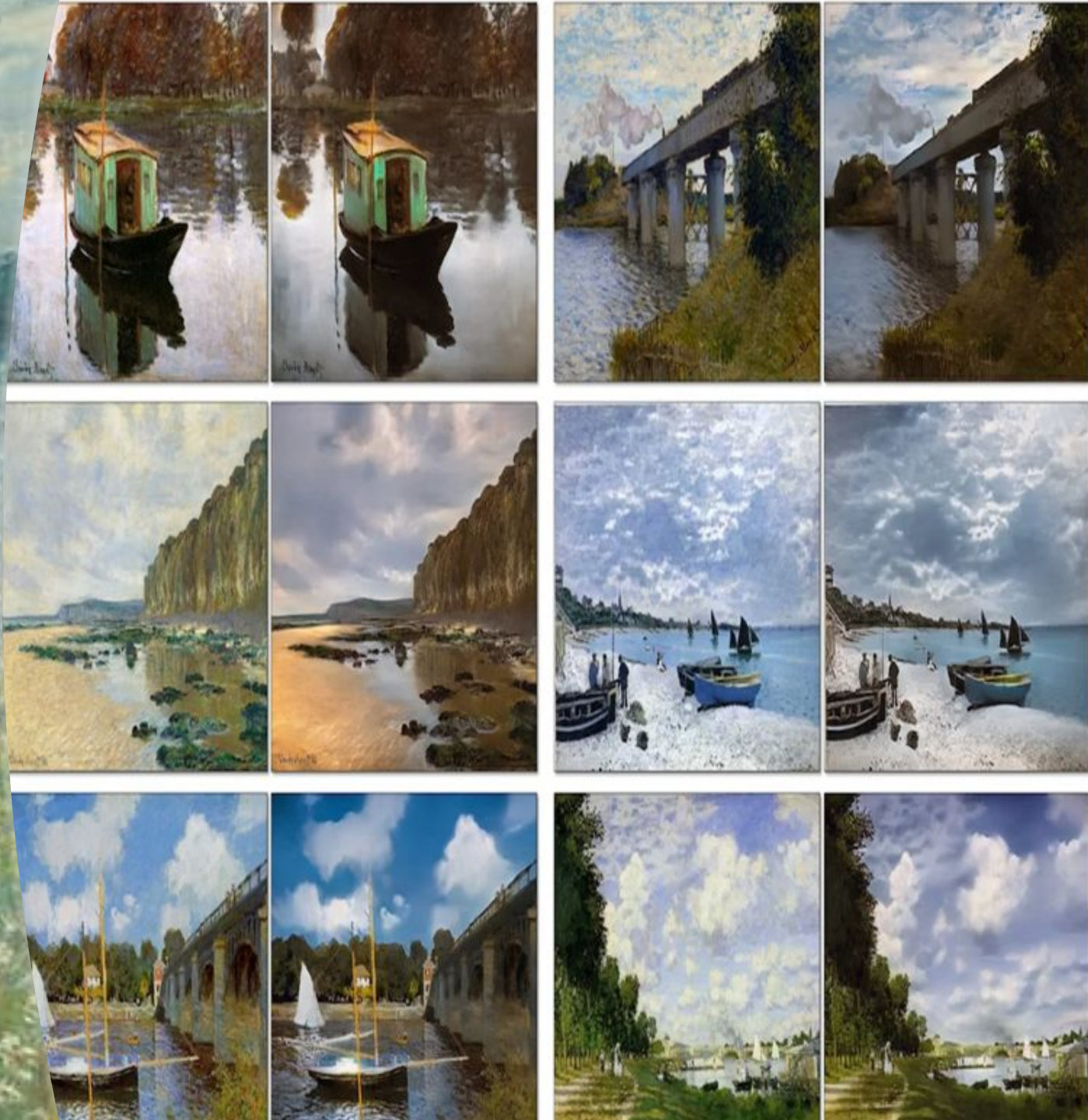
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## Competition Introduction/ Business Understanding

After taking a picture of a beautiful scenery, have you ever wondered what would it look like if a famous painter was there and made a painting of it?

- Focus: **translating a photograph** to a **Monet** style painting
- **Style Transfer** - transfer an image from one style to another
  - Imitate **color choices** and **brush strokes**





# Project Scope

## ■ Phase One:

- Focus Solely on Increasing Competition Placement
- Only worked with Kaggle-Provided Monet Paintings

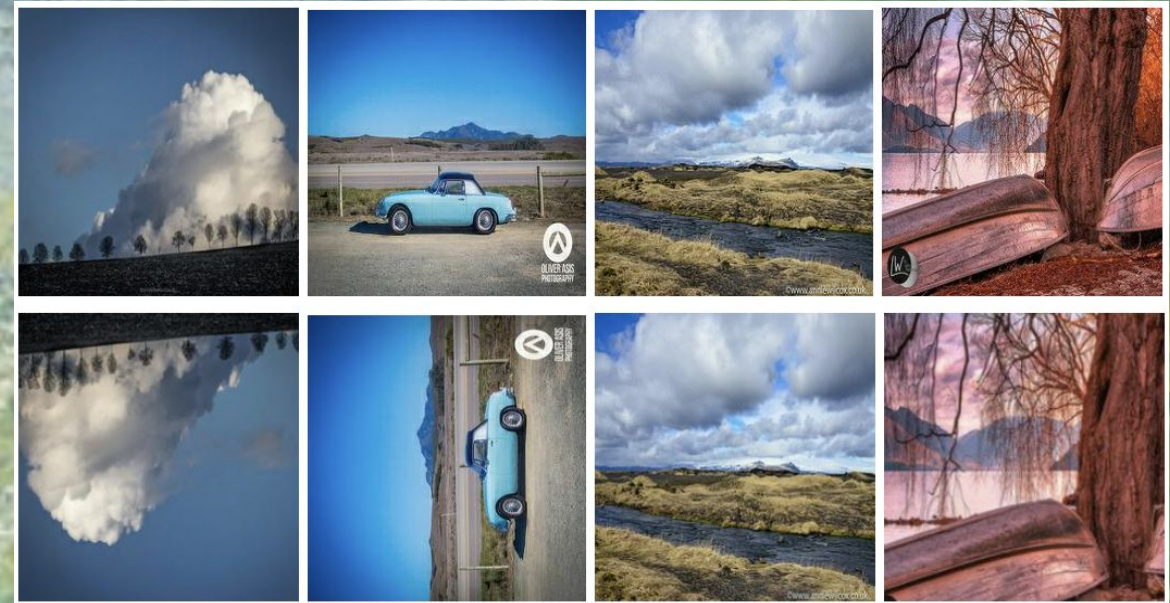
## ■ Phase Two Onwards:

- **Shift:** Competition Placement □ General and Interactive Models for Multiple Artists
- Use **all training data** provided by authors
- Gather and use artist data for **Ukiyo-e, Van Gogh, and Cezanne**
- Developed standardized train/test split based on CycleGANs' authors data through adding 10% augmentation of training data to test



# Data Acquisition For Competition

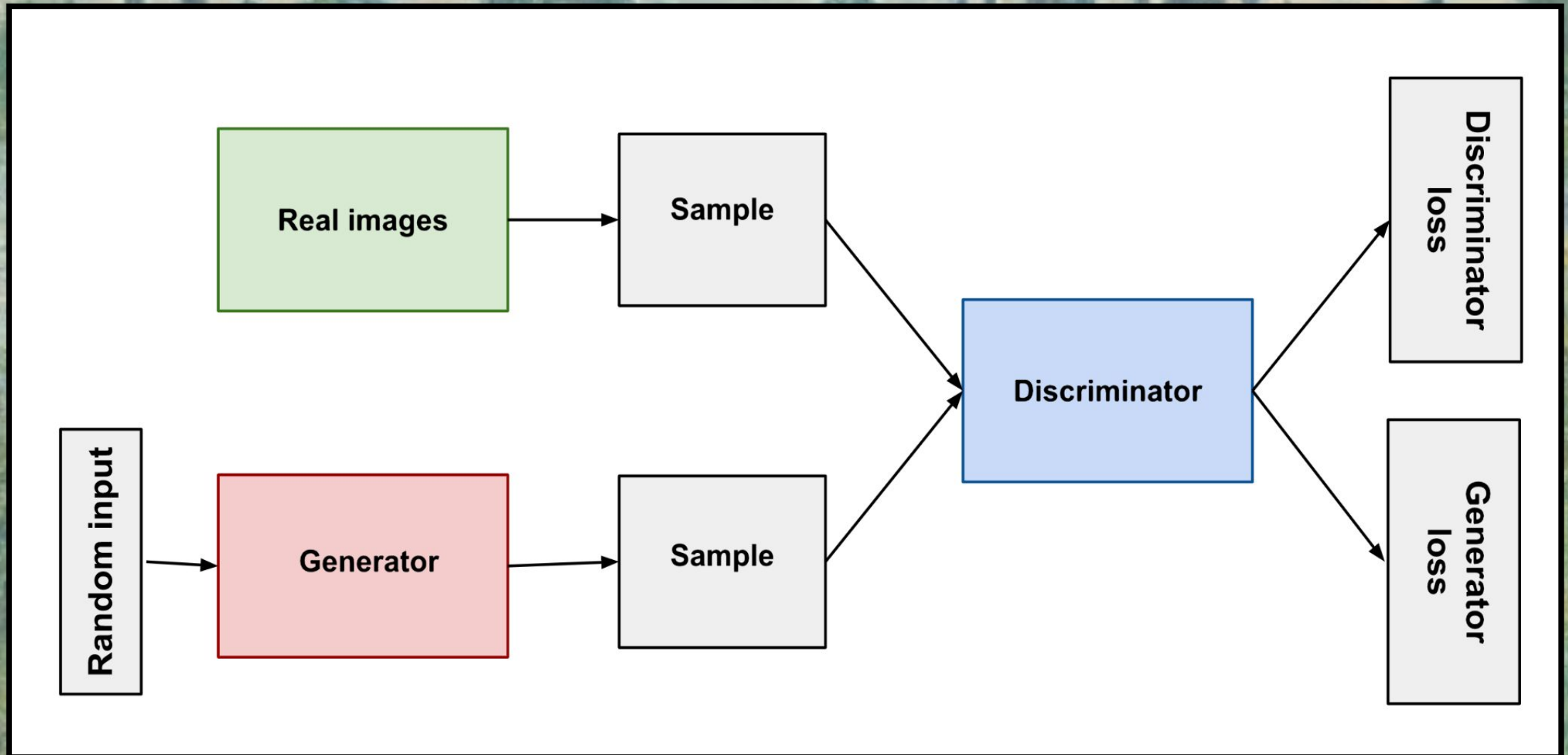
- Kaggle competition data
  - **300 Monet paintings** sized 256x256 in JPEG and TFRecord formats
  - **7028 photos** sized 256x256 in JPEG and TFRecord formats
  - Size: 385.87 MB
- **Project Focus:** modeling and architectures of modern data science techniques  
(rather than the data acquisition)
- Data augmentation



Examples of augmented images using resizing, cropping, rotation, and flipping

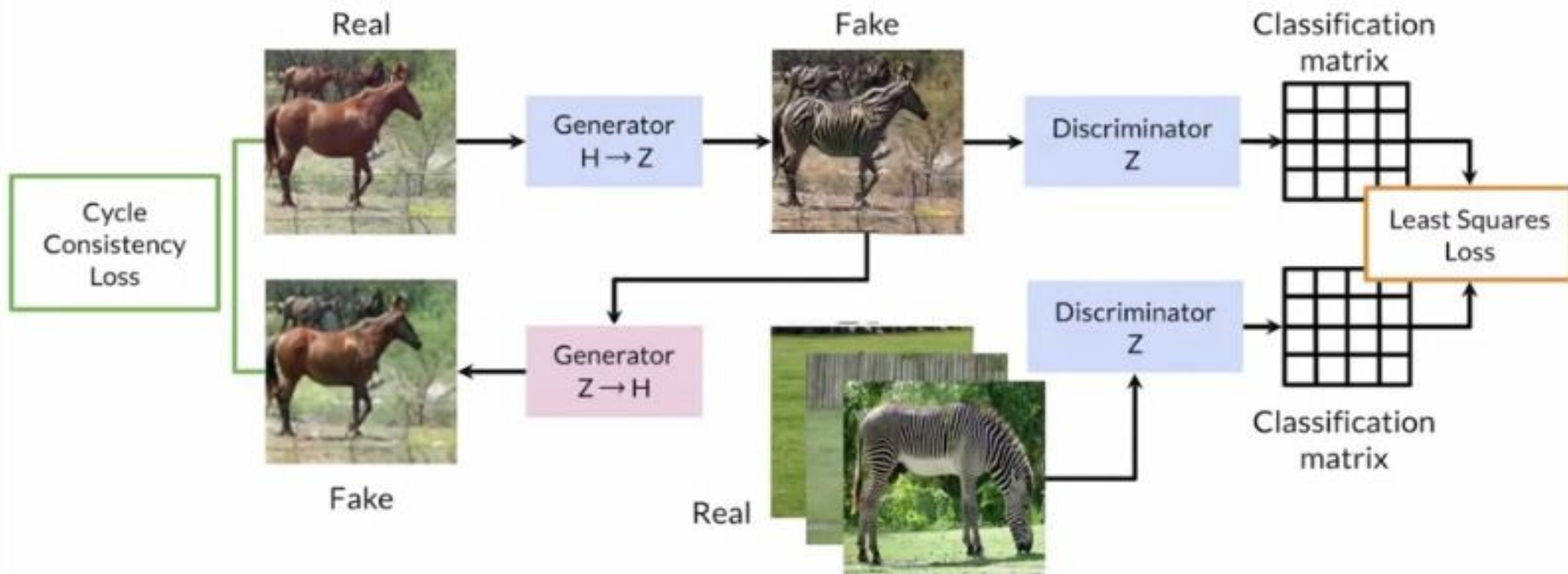


# GAN Description



# CycleGAN Description

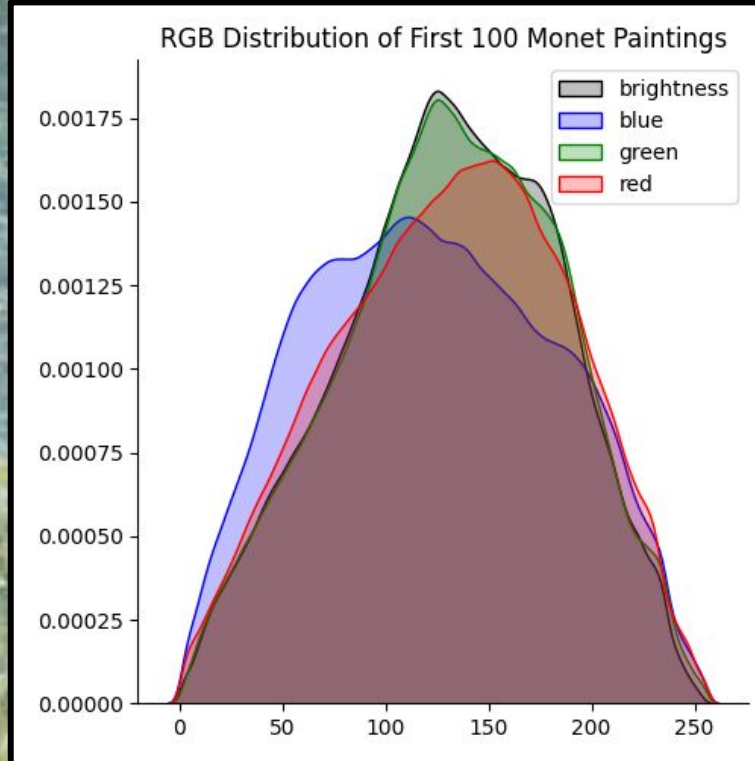
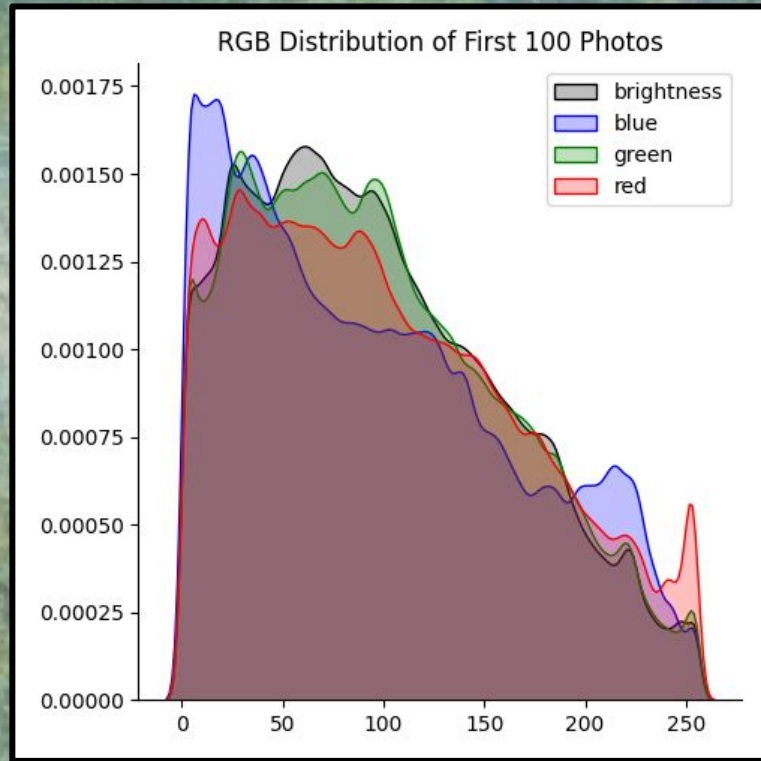
## CycleGAN



Images available from: <https://github.com/togheppi/CycleGAN>



# EDA: RGB Distribution (Competition)

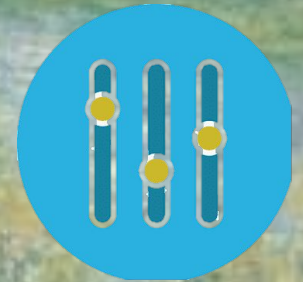


RGB distribution of the first 100 photos (left), the first 100 Monet paintings (center), and the first 100 generated photo-to-Monet images (right), with zeros excluded



# Progress Since Demo 2 (Overview)

- Train and evaluate on Van Gogh data
- Worked with Artist-to-Artist Models
- Placed most accurate models on the website
- Allowed for more image formats to be uploadable
- Fixed RGB Distribution Plot
- Allowed for images of any size to be uploaded to RGB distribution plot
- Played around with Decaying Learning Rate for competition
- Created and added icons for the website





# Baseline Model $\square$ Final Model

- CycleGAN
- 120 epochs
- Adam optimizer
  - Initial Learning rate = 0.0002, Beta 1 = 0.5
- ~2 hours
  - Within 3-hour limit for TPU
- TPU v3-8
- Kaggle Notebook
- Steps per epoch = number of Monet samples
- Batch Size = 1



- CycleGAN
- 30 epochs
- Adam optimizer
  - Initial Learning rate = 0.0002, Beta 1 = 0.5, Final **Learning Rate = 0.00005**
- ~2.75 hours
  - Within 3-hour limit for TPU
- TPU v3-8
- Kaggle Notebook
- **Data augmentation & label smoothing**
- **Steps per epoch = number of photo samples/batch size**
- **Batch Size = 4**



# Performance Evaluation

**FID:** assesses the quality of images created by a generative model (ex: GAN)

- Finds the distance between feature vectors calculated for real and generated images
- More generalizable and widely used
- Used for general models

**MiFID:** Kaggle-created modification of FID

- Used for competition

$$FID = ||\mu_r - \mu_g||^2 + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_r + \Sigma_g - 2(\Sigma_r \Sigma_g)^{1/2})$$

Mean  $\mu$ , covariance  $\Sigma$ , real images r, generated images g,  
sum of diagonal elements Tr

$$MiFID = FID \cdot \frac{1}{d_{thr}}$$

$d_{thr}$  is the memorization  
distance with a threshold  
applied



# Performance Evaluation Cont.

**Demo 1:**  
MiFID Score:  
**51.49**  
Leaderboard:  
49/94  
Percentile:  
~52<sup>nd</sup>

















**Demo 2:**  
MiFID Score:  
**39.73**  
Leaderboard:  
17/143  
Percentile:  
~12<sup>th</sup>



**Demo 3:**  
MiFID Score:  
**38.29**  
Leaderboard:  
10/146  
Percentile:  
~7<sup>th</sup>

**Note:** best scores have been in mid 30s throughout the competition



#	Team	Members	Score	Entries	Last	Join
1	MauricioCalderonB		35.72642	1	1mo	
2	a_beautiful_girl		36.29805	4	18d	
3	Nandita Bhattacharya		37.06163	9	4d	
4	ofek koren		37.64216	5	2mo	
5	Issam Ben Moussa		37.71797	1	6d	
6	rabbie	 	37.90285	11	10d	
7	刚起来没多久，这下又犯困了	  	38.11900	1	18d	
8	CLIPTraVeLGAN	 	38.19282	4	9d	
9	Alena Shevtsova		38.22178	6	1mo	

10	<b>Artificially Creative</b>	  	38.29769	32	1d	
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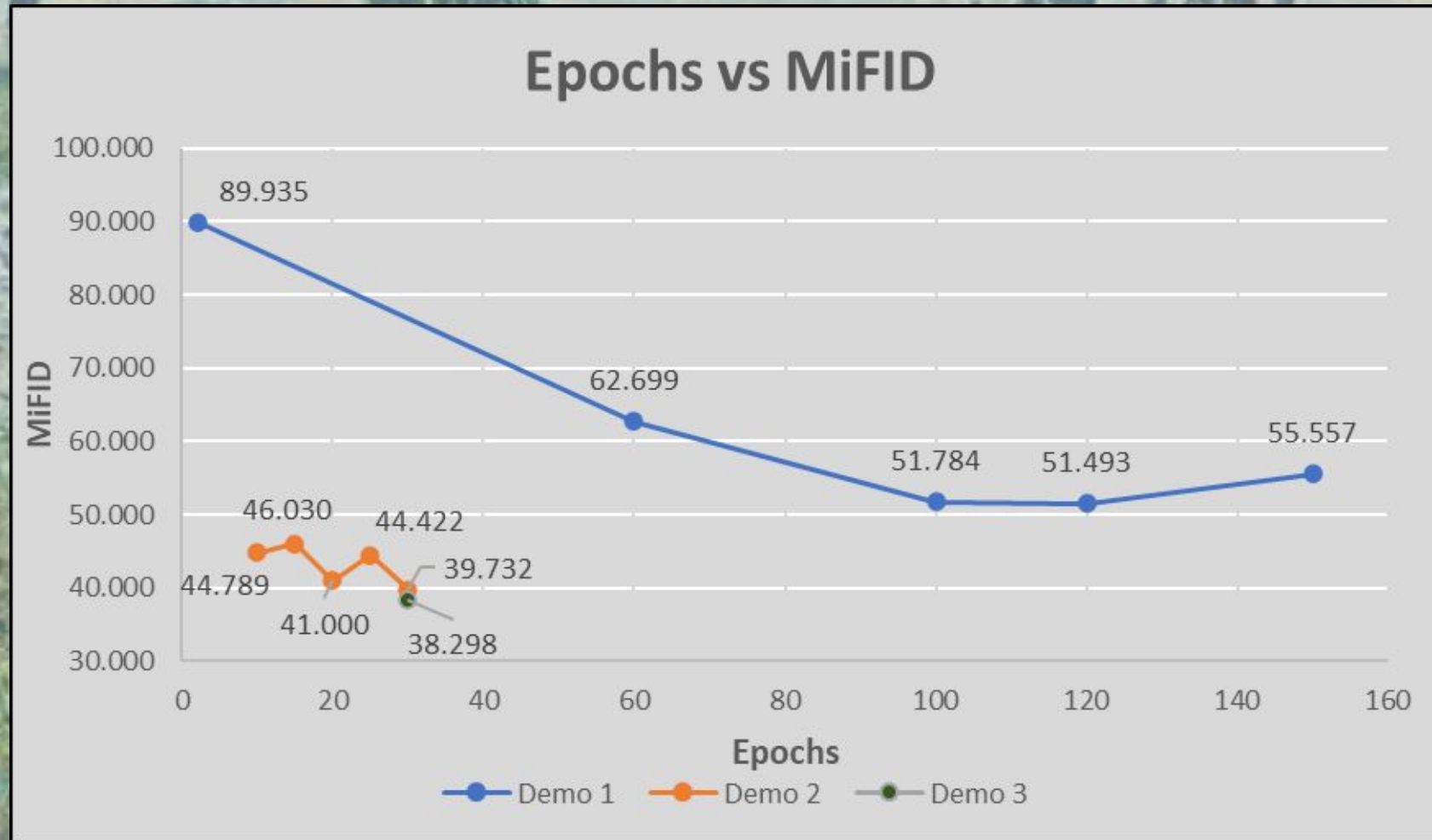


Your Best Entry!

Your submission scored 42.13121, which is not an improvement of your previous score. Keep trying!



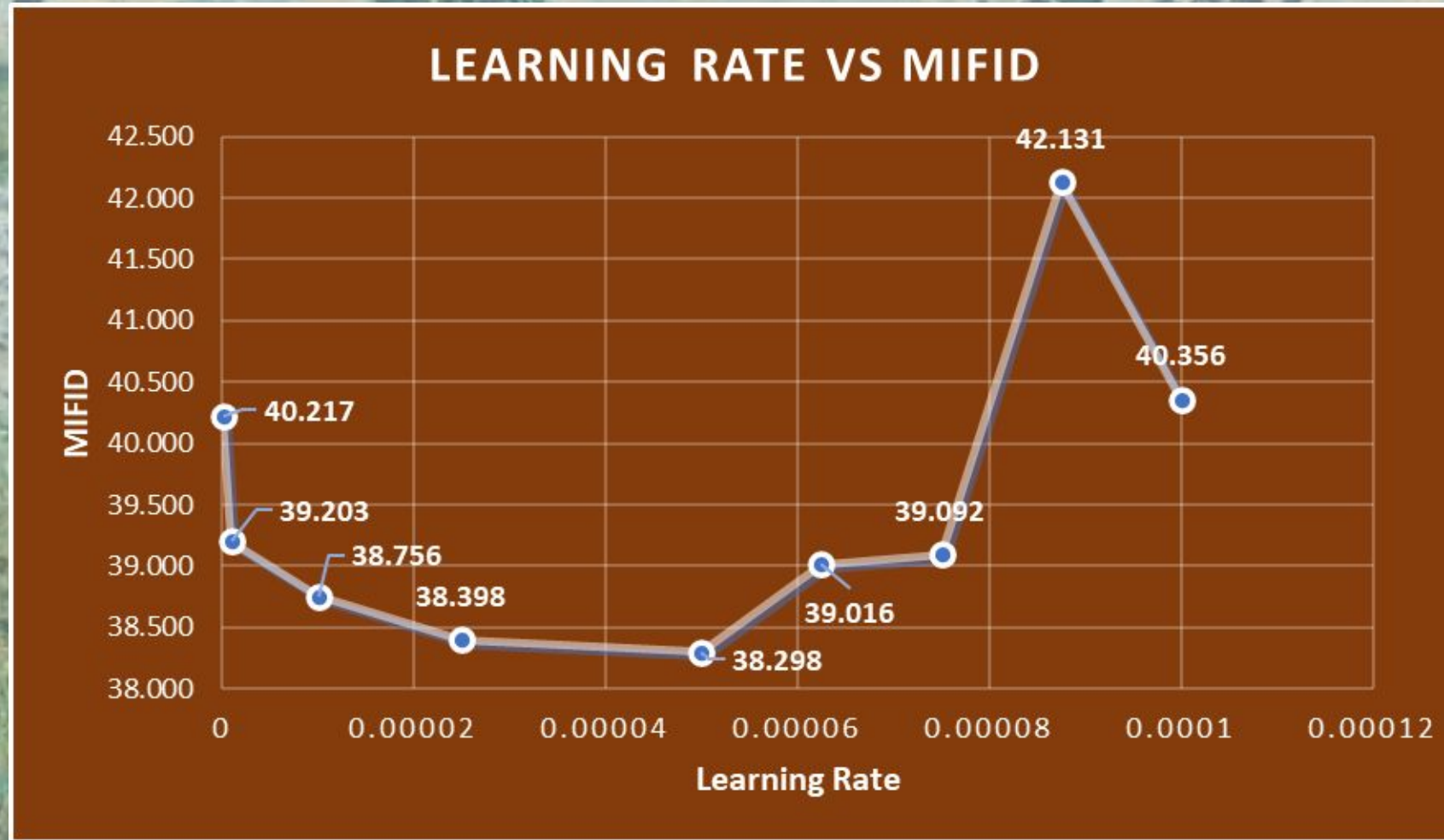
# Competition Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



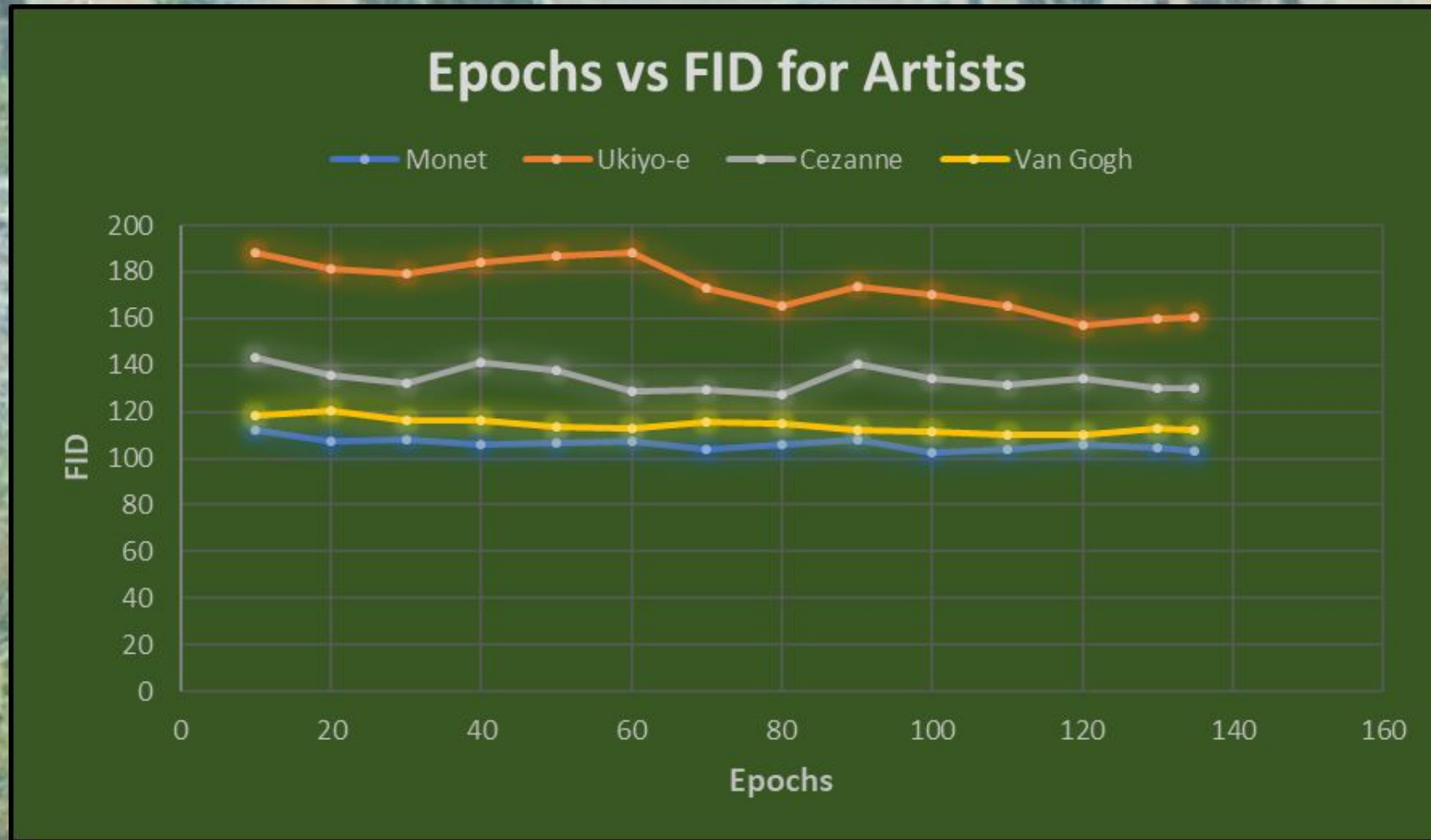
# Learning Rate Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Learning Rates Tested at 30 Epochs



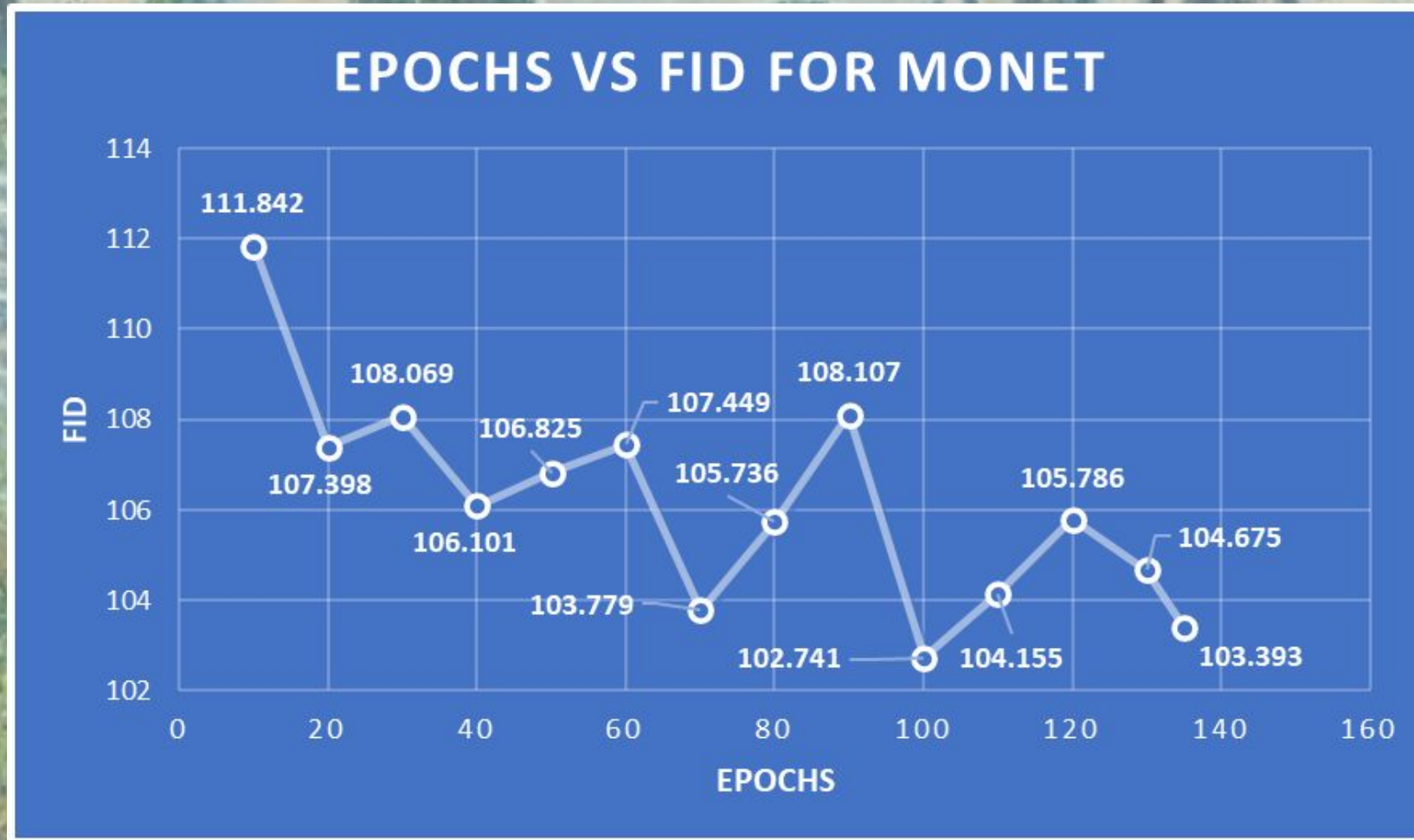
# All Artists Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



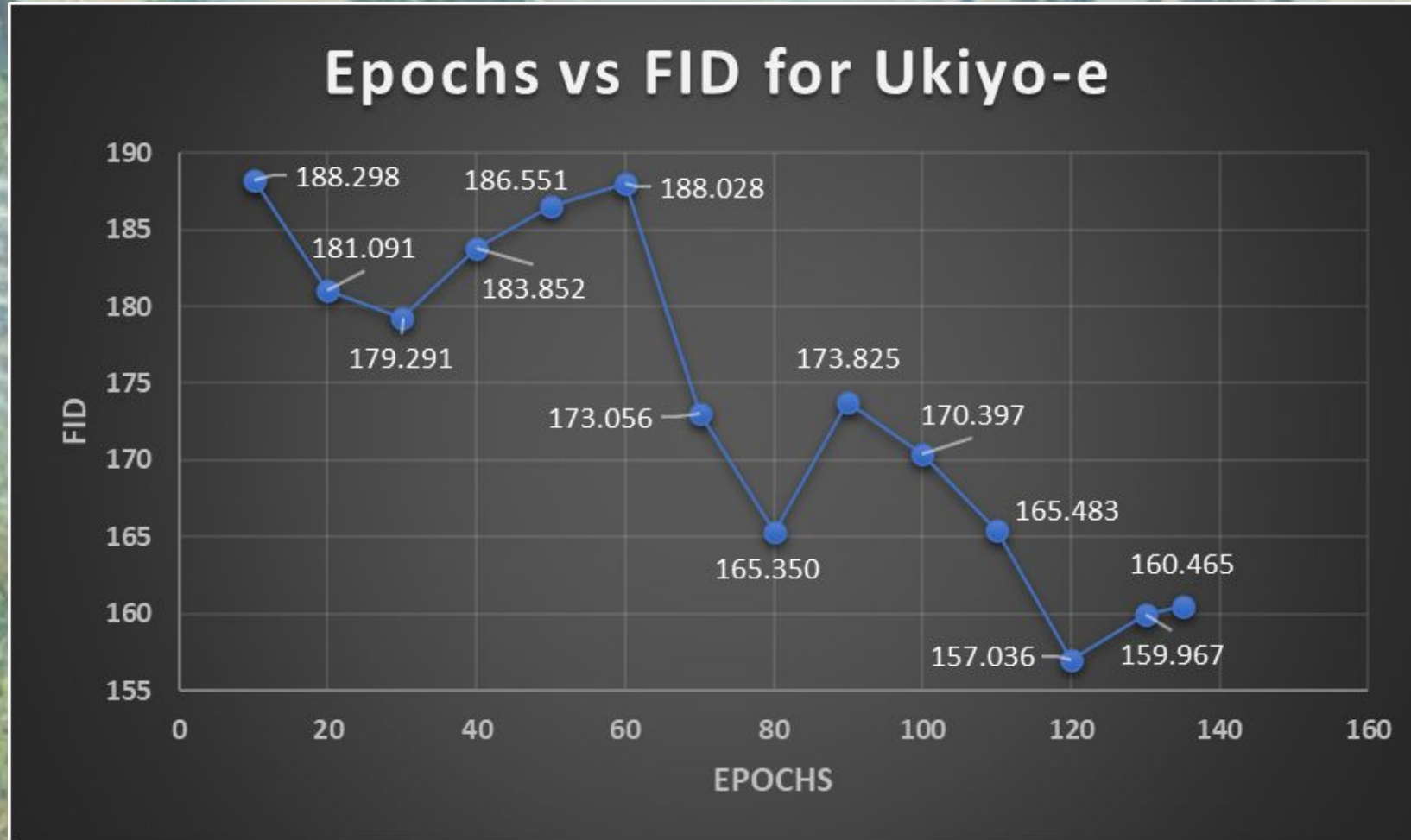
# Monet General Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



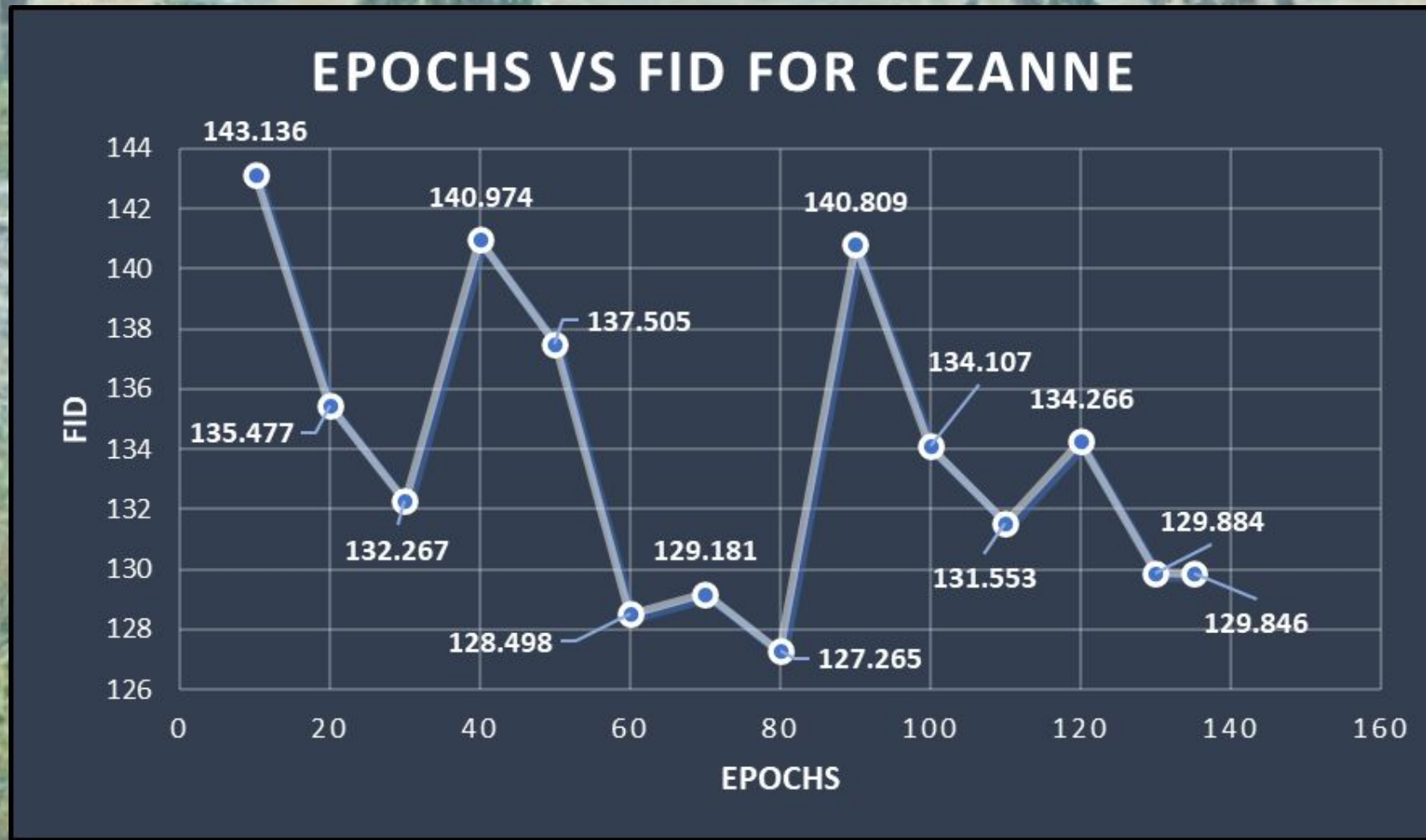
# Ukiyo-e Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



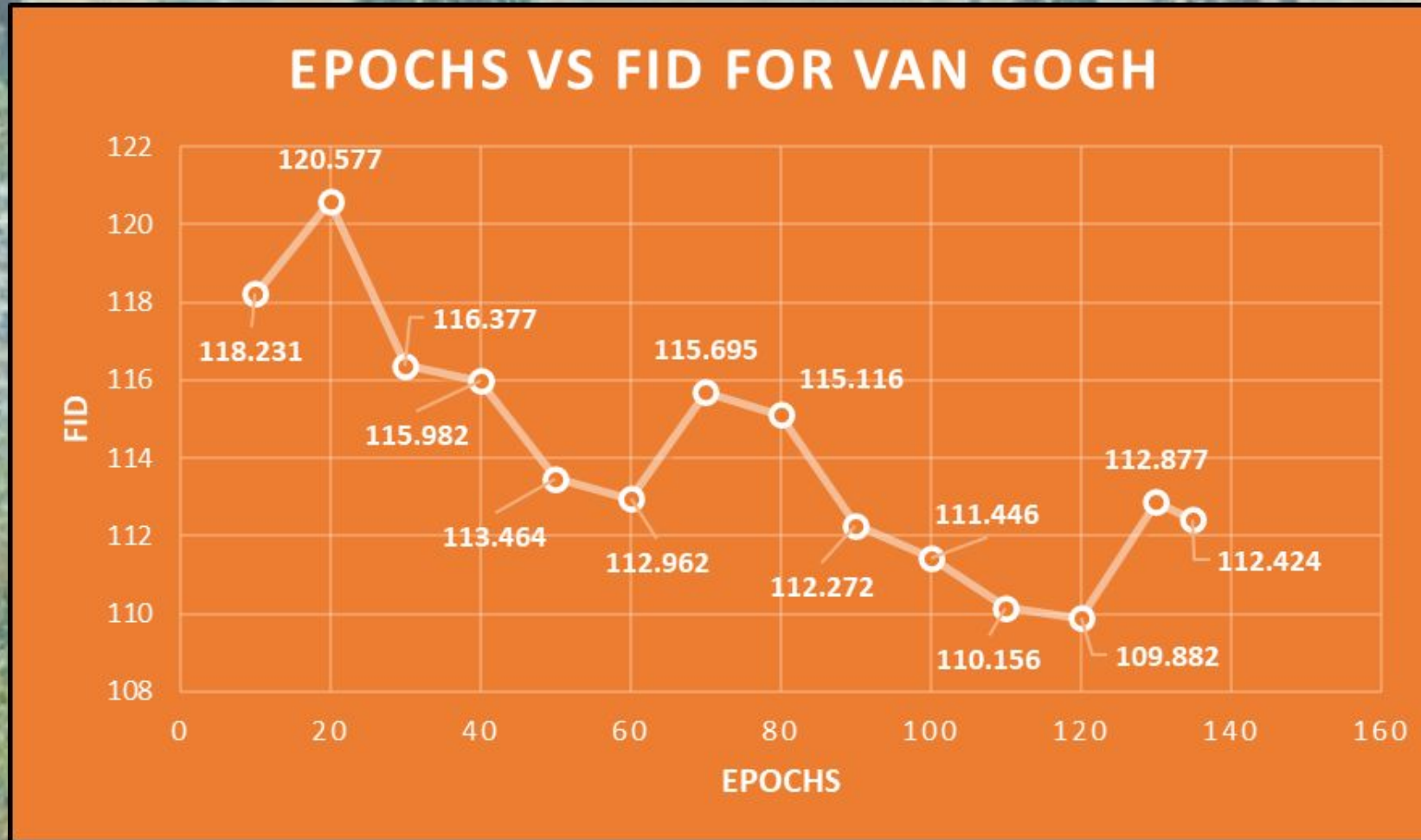
# Cezanne Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



# Van Gogh Performance Comparison



Line Graph Displaying Scores for Epochs Tested



# Competition Output Observations

## Pros:

- Good with nature
- Performs well with “sprawling images”

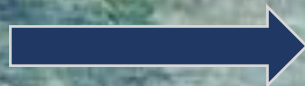
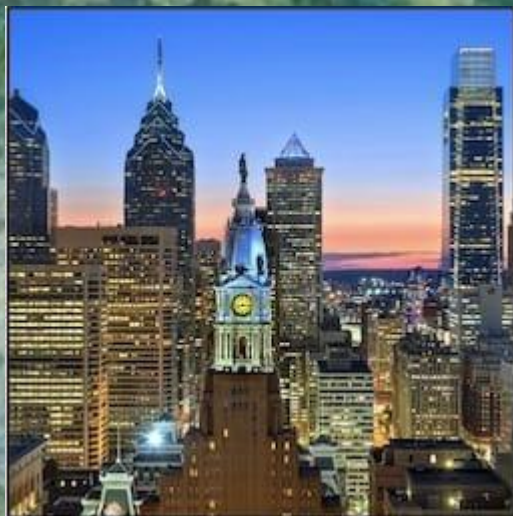
## Cons:

- Not always good with people, modern architecture, defined lines/boundaries
- Not always high performance with darker images
- For detailed photos, the paintings mostly become blurred and hard to discern
- Translation among photos varies
  - Some see little change
- Some photos become pixelated/blurred
  - Good or Bad?



# Good Example Outputs

Input



Final competition model



Author's model





# Bad Example Outputs (Competition)

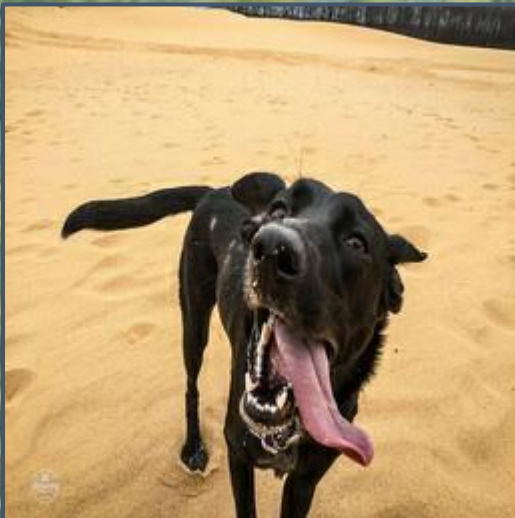
Input



Our competition model



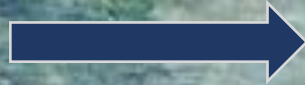
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# Monet General Output Good/Bad Examples

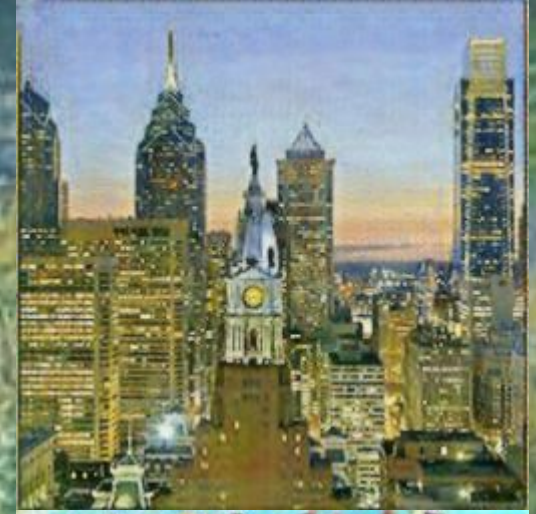
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General Model



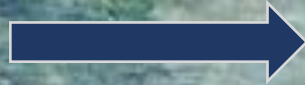
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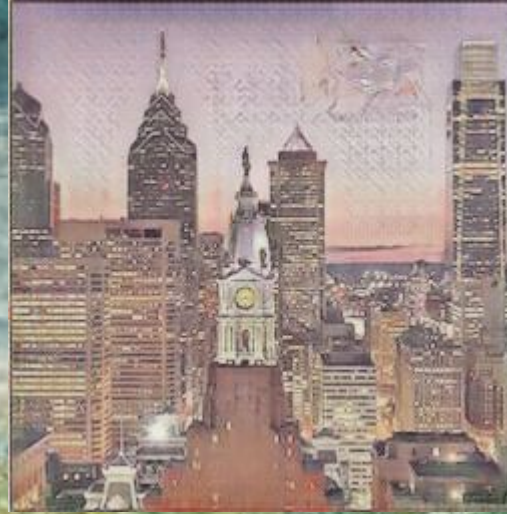


# Ukiyo-e General Output Good/Bad Examples

Input



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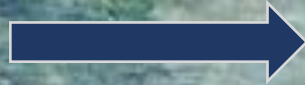
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# Cezanne General Output Good/Bad Examples

Input



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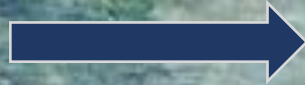
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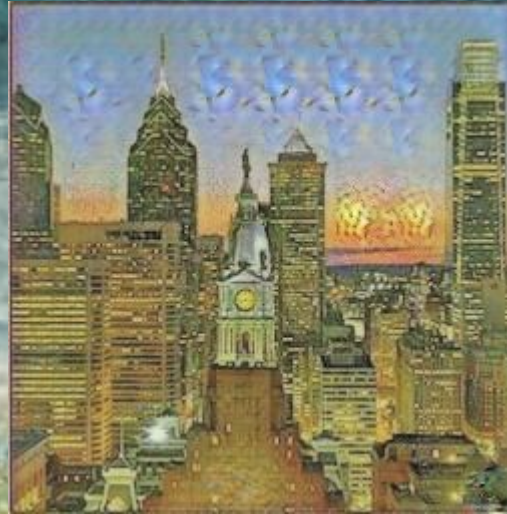


# Van Gogh General Output Good/Bad Examples

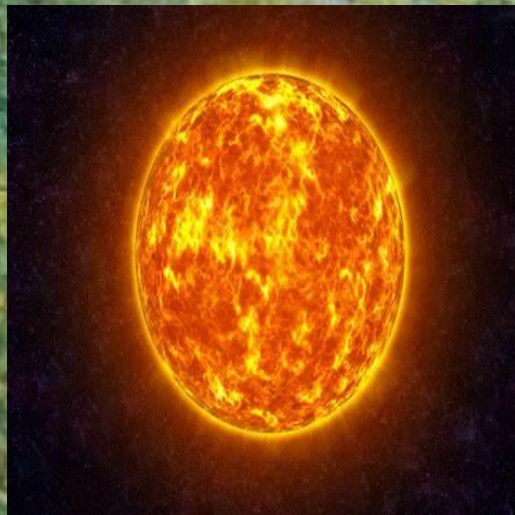
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General Model



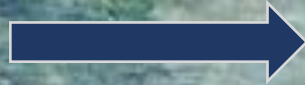
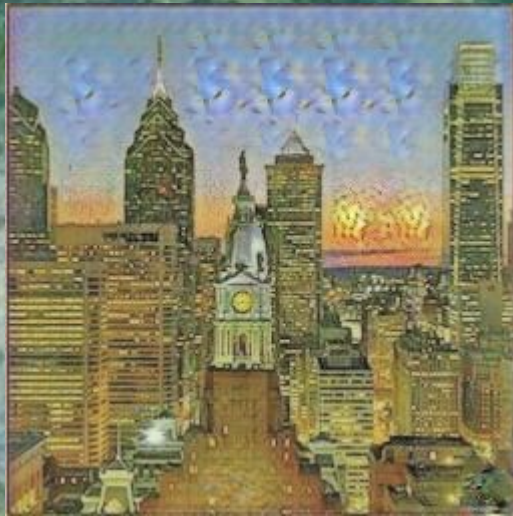
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# Cezanne To Ukiyo-e Transfer Examples

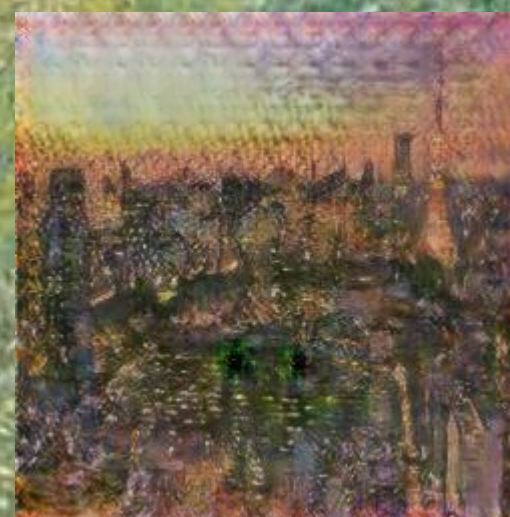
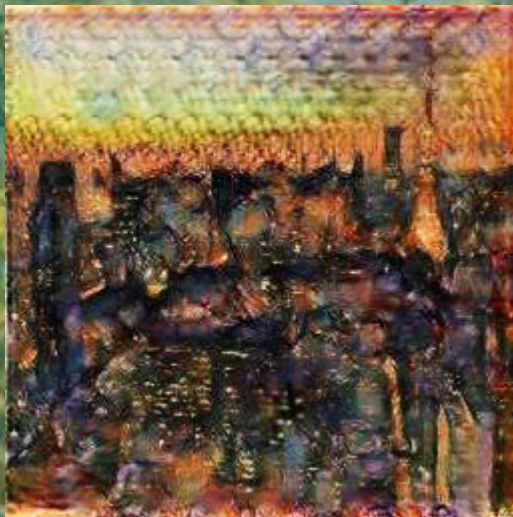
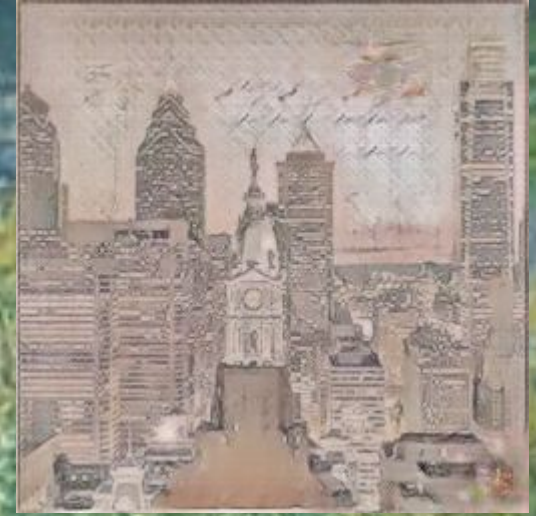
Input



Artist to Photo Transfer



Final Output





# Challenges

- **Memory limits**
  - Out of memory error when not using TPU
- **Time limits**
  - Hard to experiment with different approaches
  - Can't use better models such as UVC-GAN
- **Evaluation limits**
  - Unable to quantitatively compare our competition model and our general model due to train/test differences



**Road**  
(generated)



**Block**  
(generated)



# Potential Future Steps

- Gather data for more epochs
- Experiment with smaller batch sizes
- Experiment further with decaying learning rate
- Experiment with more powerful models (UVCGAN V2)





# Expected Questions

How long did it take you to run models?

- About 8 hours to generate weights, 2 hours for evaluation

Where do you see this technology in the future?

- Advancing, but increasing time, compute, and data required for SOTA results





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