Information Visualization: Highlights, Histories and Futures

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New York City's Weather for 1980

Annual Temperature

High: July 21: 102°F

Line Indicates
Normal High

Low: Dec. 25: -1°F

Line Indicates
Normal Low

Precipitation in Inches

Total Precipitation for 1980: 44.54
Normal Precipitation: 40.19

"Look here, men, shouldn't that be the other way around?"
Our "classic" imitation or illusion of a glass as a solid, isolated thing in a static, empty space fixed it for all time.

"The principal person in a picture is light," Manet said. We flatten our glass to a rough, temporary "impression".

"Monet is an eye, but what an eye," [Cézanne] Our glass dissolves into atmosphere, like light on a haystack or mist.

The subject-matter of Cézanne is not an apple or a person or a glass but a color-space structure and rhythm.

Cubism breaks our glass into bits and pushes space around until it flickers like an early movie-montage.

Seurat broke light into "points" of color (like a prism does) and your eyes mix them together at a distance.

One doesn't think to drink out of a glass that "expresses" a Van-Gogh-like inner emotional tension.

Piles of paint tell us more about Rouault's feelings than about "outside things" like glasses.

A futurist attempt to represent a glass in motion will always look like a walking dog or a wagging tail.

The essential structural elements of all glasses and all things. (A finale and a fresh "constructivist" start.)

A wine glass becomes at some point a pretty universe of non-objective bubbles.

"Wit" is the only thing that can still tackle a subject-matter and get away with it.
good marriage

and marriage

[Additional sketches and diagrams are present but not transcribed.]
FILM SCORE  Mishima
Score for Paul Schrader's film about the life of Japanese writer Yukio Mishima. Score noted for its use of a large, lush string section.

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WORK YEAR 1985
WORK LENGTH 0:46:05

From "Mishima"
Motor Vehicle Theft, 2002
Yearly Rate Per 1000 Persons with Hot Spot Mapping
Providence, RI Neighborhoods

Note: Rate for Downtown is inflated because of small residential population.

Source: Providence Police; US Census
Organizational Overview

![Graph showing the number of new nations over the years. The graph compares the number of new nations before and after the year 1987.](image)