

Art Task – Henri Rousseau

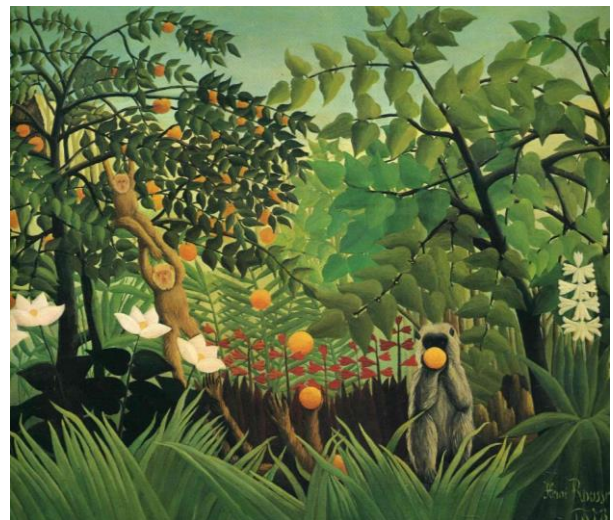
Henri Rousseau was a famous French painter. He was born in 1844 in Western France and lived most of his life in Paris. He taught himself to paint and enjoyed it so much he retired early in his 40s, so he could dedicate more time to painting.

Most of his paintings were based on nature, the jungle and wildlife. Despite his great depiction of nature, he never actually visited the jungle!

Have a look at some of his picture below. This was an abstract style of art, which means that he didn't try to paint things exactly as they look in real life.



Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!), 1891
by Henri Rousseau.



Your Task:

Can you have a go at recreating a Henri Rousseau painting? Or you could create your own. You can use coloured pencils, felt tips, paints or just a pencil.

If you'd like to know more about Henri Rousseau, have a look at these websites:

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/henri-rousseau-surprised>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks2-henri-rousseau-surprised/zrdyd6f>

