



Name	Henri Rousseau
Born / died	1844—1910
Nationality	French
Style	Exaggerated scale, simplified form, vibrant colour.
Media	Oil on canvas

Vocabulary:

Topic related vocabulary:

tropical	related to the hot and humid part of the globe
pattern	a repeated decorative design
print	to reproduce a design, shape or pattern
botanical	relating to plants
imagination	to see things in your mind
foreground	the first shapes that appear in front of a picture.
realism	the exact way the an object really looks

Facts about the artist:

- Henri Rousseau was born in Laval in Mayenne, France on 21st May 1844
- He worked as a lawyer, in the army and as a tax collector
- He began painting properly in his forties
- His work is often described as 'child-like'
- Although some of Rousseau's most well-known paintings are of jungle scenes, he never set foot in a jungle. Instead, he took his inspiration from the Jardin des Plantes (botanical gardens) in Paris and illustrations in books.
- Pablo Picasso was an admirer of Henri Rousseau and he held a banquet to honour the artist. Rene Magritte was also impressed by Rousseau's work.

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Henri Rousseau



Born 1974
Ceila Smith

