

Henri Matisse, Fauvist Artist



His Life



- **Henri was born in France in 1869**
- **He went to school to study law.**
- **In 1889, Henri got very sick and was stuck in bed for 2 years. His mom bought him art supplies to keep him busy. She advised him to listen to his emotions while painting.**
- **After his recovery, Henri wanted to become an artist.**



His Work



- After completing art school, Henri created his first masterpiece, *The Dinner Table*.
- In the early 1900s, Matisse developed a new style called Fauvism, named after the word *fauv* which means 'wild cat' in English. His art was considered wild because of his use of bright, bold colors and fierce brushstrokes.
- In his later years, Henri became ill again which made painting difficult. This is when he turned to paper cutouts to create his famous large scale collages.
- Collage is a work of art created by gluing pieces of different materials to a flat surface.



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These artworks are part of the Fauvism movement led by Henri Matisse.

Fauv is the French word for “wild cat.”

What would you say is “wild” about this artwork?

How does this artwork make you feel?

Respond on Schoology with a typed response or record yourself speaking.

