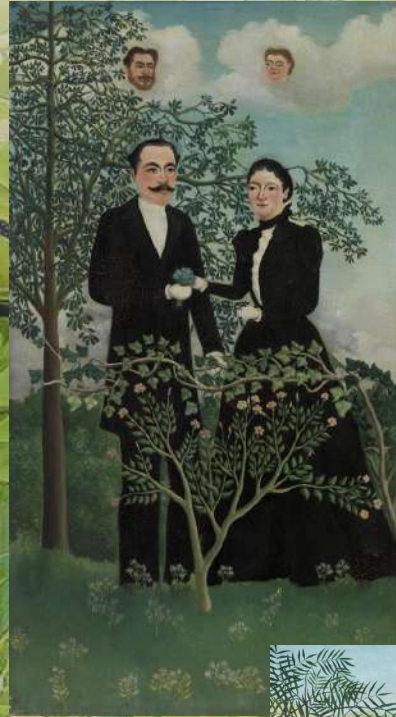


Henri Rousseau, Self- Taught Artist



His Life

- Henri Rousseau was born in Laval, France in 1844
- He left school at an early age to serve 4 years in the French Military.
- He painted as a hobby on the weekends but started to spend more time painting in his 40s.
- In 1886, he had his first art exhibition. Artists and Art Critics ridiculed his work, saying that it looked like it was painted by a child.
- Rousseau continued to paint eventually catching the attention of a famous Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso.



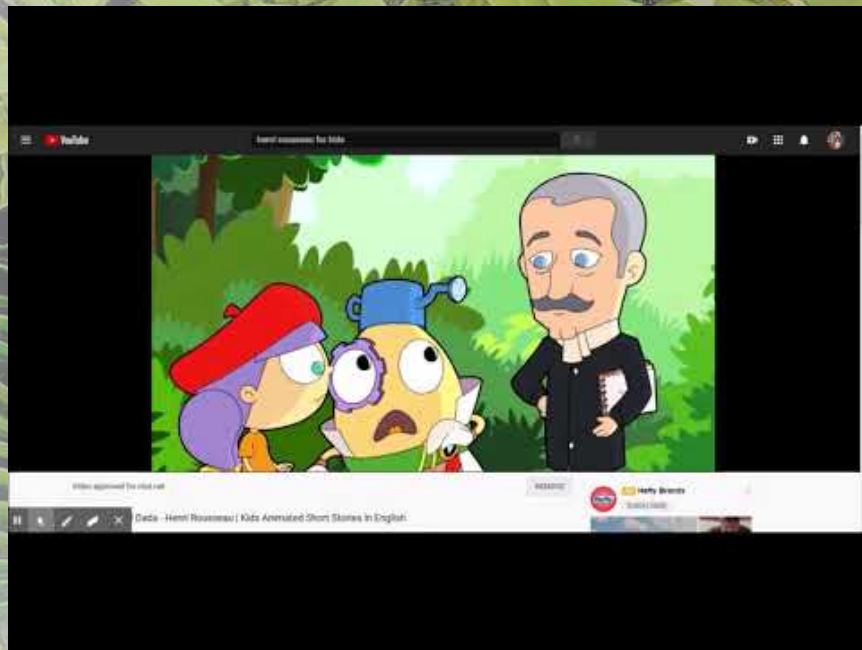
His Work



- Rousseau is best known for his jungle landscapes even though he never saw a jungle in his life.
- He spent much of his free time at the Paris Botanical gardens and was inspired by the beauty of plants there.
- Many animals in his paintings were from Illustrations in children's books.
- Many people laughed at his art because it was silly. He would paint over sized house plants, animals in jungles that didn't live in jungle habitats and bananas upside down.
- Even Though he was made fun in his lifetime, it wasn't until after his death he became a famous artist.



Henri Rousseau Videos





Even though Henri never went to art school he is still considered a famous Artist today. He is a self taught artist which means he taught himself how to paint. He also never gave up painting even though he was bullied and made fun of by other artists. I love that about Henri Rousseau!

How are some ways we can teach ourselves a new skill?

Have you ever taught yourself anything and continued to practice it until you got better?

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