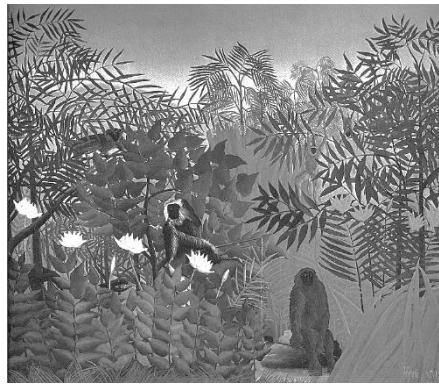


Henri Rousseau – The Jungle Dreamer



Henri Rousseau was a French artist who painted amazing jungle scenes full of wild animals, bright colours, and mysterious places. Even though his paintings look like they come from faraway jungles... **he never actually left France!**

What made his art special?

- He used **bright, bold colours**
- His paintings looked a bit **flat**, like patterns
- His scenes felt like **dreams or stories**
- He painted **jungles, animals, and adventures**

Where did he get his ideas?

Rousseau used his imagination and things he saw around him:

- **Plants** – He visited a place in Paris called the *Jardin des Plantes*, where he sketched unusual plants in greenhouses.
- **Animals** – He looked at animals in zoos and even studied **stuffed animals (taxidermy)**.
- **Books & pictures** – He used illustrations from books and catalogues to help him imagine wild scenes.

He once said going into the greenhouses felt like **stepping into a dream!**

Your Art Task – Create a Rousseau Jungle!				
Now it's your turn to become an artist like Rousseau				
Step 1: Look for inspiration Look closely at plants around you: • House plants • Your garden • A park	Step 2: Sketch your jungle • Draw lots of leaves, plants, and trees • Fill the page so it looks thick and full, like a jungle	Step 3: Add animals • Include animals like tigers, birds, monkeys, or snakes • They can be real OR imaginary!	Step 4: Use colour • Use bright, bold colours • Try not to blend too much—keep colours clear and strong	Step 5: Make it dreamy Add something mysterious (glowing eyes, moonlight, hidden animals)

Remember: Rousseau didn't copy real jungles—he used his imagination. So let your ideas grow wild and create your own magical jungle scene!