



The Snail

Henri Matisse, 1953

#### Art Appreciation Lesson

Today your child learned about the french artist, Henri Matisse.

Matisse was known for using bold, vibrant, unmixed color. He was a founder of the Fauve art movement, which got it's name from critics that said the paintings looked as if they were painted by wild beasts.

The subject of Matisse paintings appear flat, much like the subjects in Japanese prints which Matisse was greatly influenced by.

Matisse spent his later years in a wheelchair and often employed assistants to aid him in creating the artworks. Matisse worked on the piece above, The Snail, for a year.

Matisse was known for using scissors to cut out shapes to place on backgrounds in specific patterns.

After our discussion, your child created their own art by "painting with scissors" as Matisse called it.

We hope your child enjoyed learning about Henri Matisse today!