



Henri Emile Benoit Matisse

The Purple Robe

Art Appreciation Lesson

# Henri Matisse

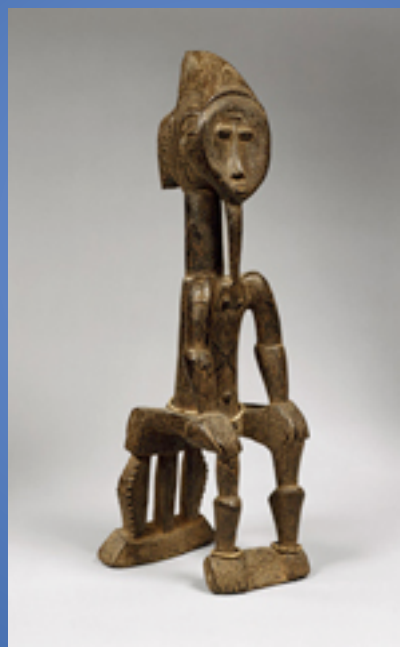


- Born in France in 1869
- Father sold seeds and grain
- Mother a dressmaker
- At age 20 he was studying to be a lawyer, but while recovering from an illness he started painting and thereafter made it his life's work
- Is known for using bright, bold, vivid colors in his work
- A founder of the Fauve movement
- Died at the age of 85



# Matisse

- Influenced by African Masks and Sculpture and Japanese Prints



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- Matisse experimented with impressionism and pointillism (Seurat, Van Gogh)
- Fauve means Wild Beasts and refers to the bold use of color. Critics did not think these artists would be successful because they thought they painted like “Wild Beasts.”
- Matisse wanted to create art like “a comfortable arm chair” in which to relax.
- He used many of the same props and backgrounds in his paintings.
- He liked and used abstract forms.
- His body of work consists of paintings, cut outs, sculpture, and textiles.
- He even designed and constructed a chapel in Vence, France which took four years to complete.



## Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence

Matisse designed this chapel from top to bottom, inside and out. It took four years and was a « thank you tribute » to a nurse who took care of him while he was ill.



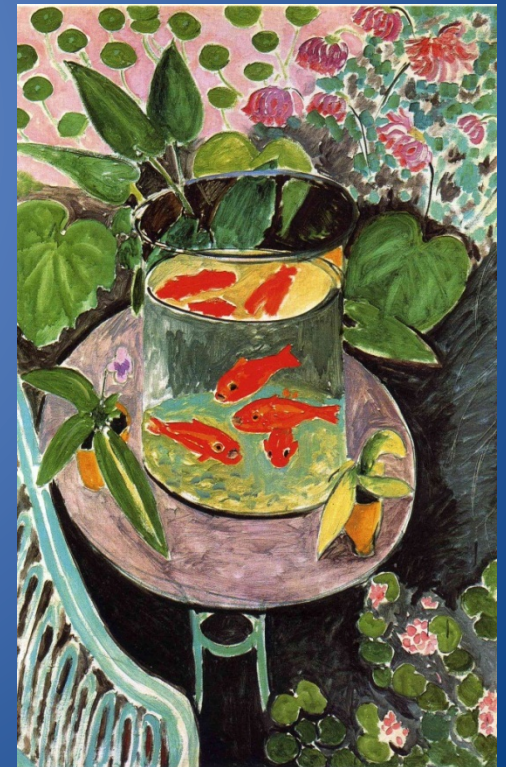


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After his association with Fauvism ended in 1907, Matisse never belonged to an identifiable movement again.

He believed an artist should not allow himself to become a prisoner of his style or reputation.

His work was extremely versatile .



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- In 1941, he had an operation and after that required a wheelchair. Several assistants helped him create a series of works using shapes he cut from brightly colored paper.





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- Now it's time to play Matisse and arrange the items from the room in *The Purple Robe*, both online interactive or on with paper cut-outs
- Interactive Matisse "Purple Robe" online game (use link on website)
- Here are some other examples of Matisse cut-outs

