

Rousseau jungles



Henri Rousseau 1844 - 1910

- Henri Julien Rousseau was born in Laval, France in 1844.



- Rousseau worked as a customs inspector in Paris for 20 years. He started painting just a few years before he retired from his job as customs inspector



The Sleeping Gypsy

- Rousseau never had an art lesson. He did not begin painting until late in life.
- Rousseau is known as a primitive artist (without training).



Jungle Combat

- Rousseau retired as customs officer in 1893. He taught violin, painting and singing, even though he had not been taught to paint.



The Dream

- Rousseau never visited the exotic jungles that he painted.



Sunset

- Rousseau used house plants and wild flowers as his models for his exotic scenes.



Repast of the Lion

- He used monochromatic, analogous and complementary color schemes even though he had never studied art.



Surprise Attack



Scout



Tiger Attacks Buffalo

- In 1908
Rousseau was
introduced to
Pablo Picasso.
Picasso adored
Rousseau's
work and threw
a banquet in
his honor.

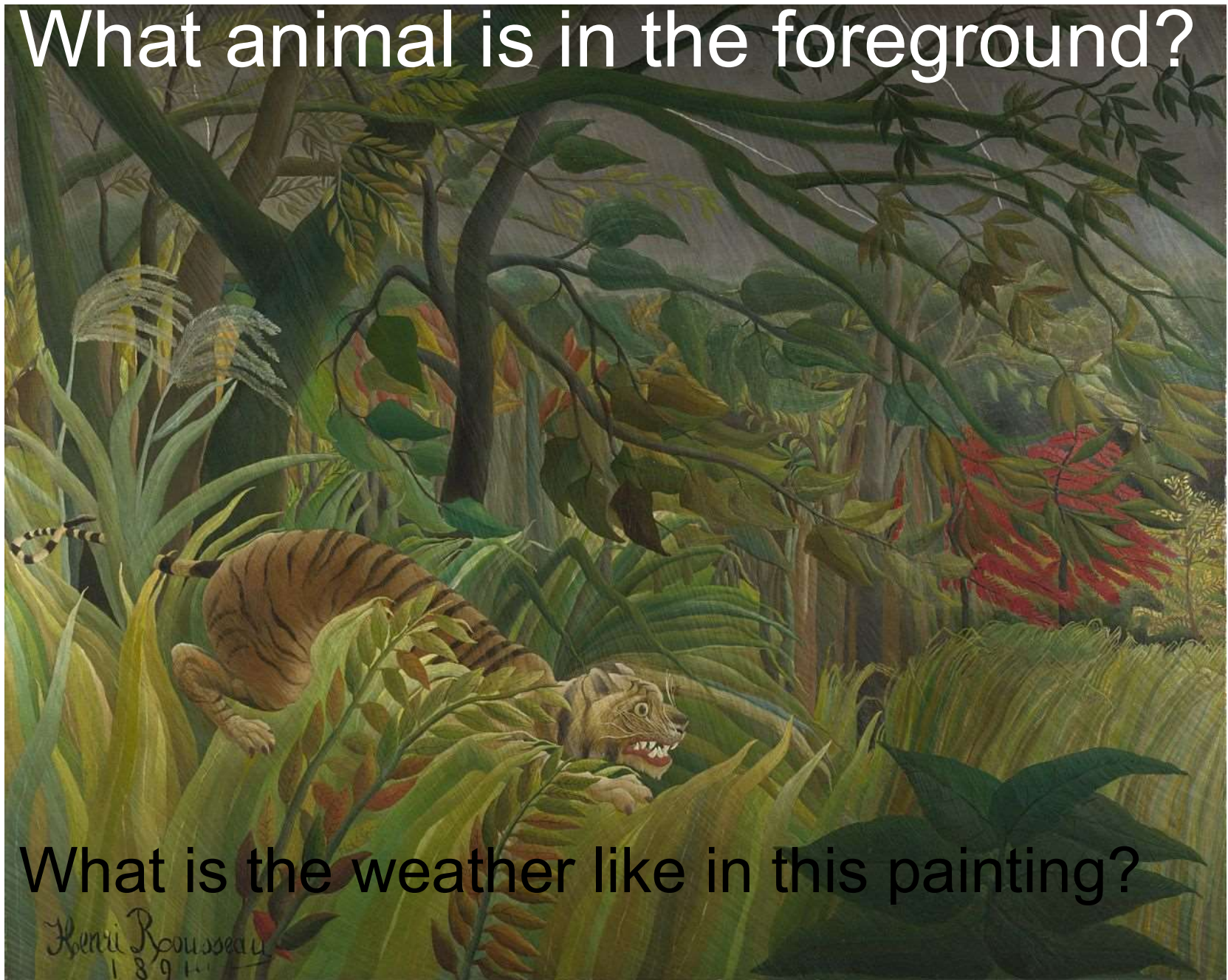


Exotic

Henri Rousseau 1844-1910

- Henri Rousseau was born in France
- He never had any art lessons and started painting when he was older
- He never visited the jungle!
- He painted house plants and wildflowers for his jungle paintings and often looked at pictures in books

What animal is in the foreground?



What is the weather like in this painting?

Henri Rousseau
1891





What colours can you see in
the real jungle?



Rousseau

- Clear outlines on the grass in the foreground
- Each leaf clearly painted
- What animals can you see?



Are these real jungle plants the
same height?

Rousseau jungle paintings

- He used very simple **pure colours**
- He had very **clear outlines**
- He filled jungle paintings with **animals in the foreground** and **lush green plants in the background**
- He painted **leaves and grass** piece by piece with clear **outlines**
- He often painted huge **over-sized flowers**





Rousseau

- Can you spot the giant sized blue flowers?
- What colour flowers would you paint?
- How tall would they be?

A photograph of a tropical jungle scene. In the center, a calm river or stream flows, its surface reflecting the surrounding dense greenery. The banks are lined with various types of trees and plants, including palm trees and broad-leafed tropical species. The foliage is thick and vibrant green, with some areas appearing darker due to shadows. The overall atmosphere is serene and lush.

Can you see light and dark in the
real jungle?

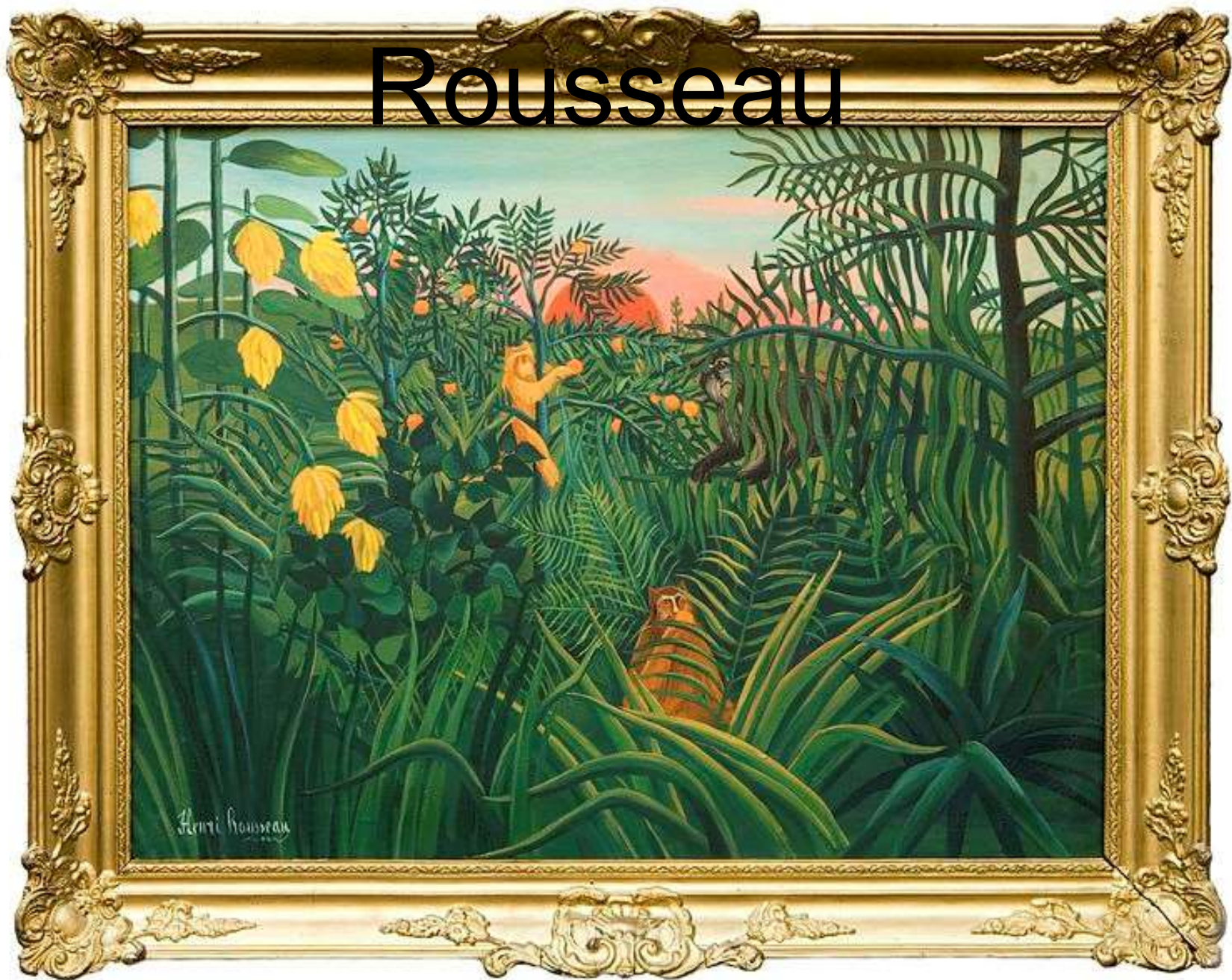
- Is it all the same shade or tint
of green?



Real jungle plants



Rousseau



Can you make a Rousseau jungle?

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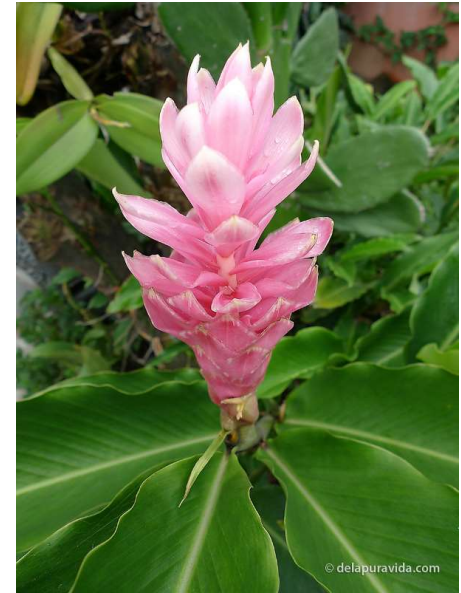
Real rainforest plants







Jungle Flowers







A 5-petal pink flower in the rainforest of Arfak mountains

photo by Charles Roring - 1 September 2011

<http://manokwaripapua.blogspot.com>



Lesson 1

LO: To know about the life and work of a famous artist ... Henri Rousseau

- make some key word notes from the slides
- Write a short biography of Henri Rousseau in the form of a fact file using sub headings and including a picture of one of his famous jungle paintings and key (distinctive) features of his work

Lesson 2

LO: To imitate the style of an artist...

Henri Rousseau

- Look at the pictures of Rousseau's famous paintings – discuss, compare – what do you notice about his paintings? How are they distinctive?
- Using coloured pencils, compose an exotic rain forest from your imagination in the style of Henri Rousseau. Include tropical birds, reptiles and animals. Fill the composition with foliage, flowers, fruits, and tropical life. Use a black fine liner to add definition to your lines – see next slide

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