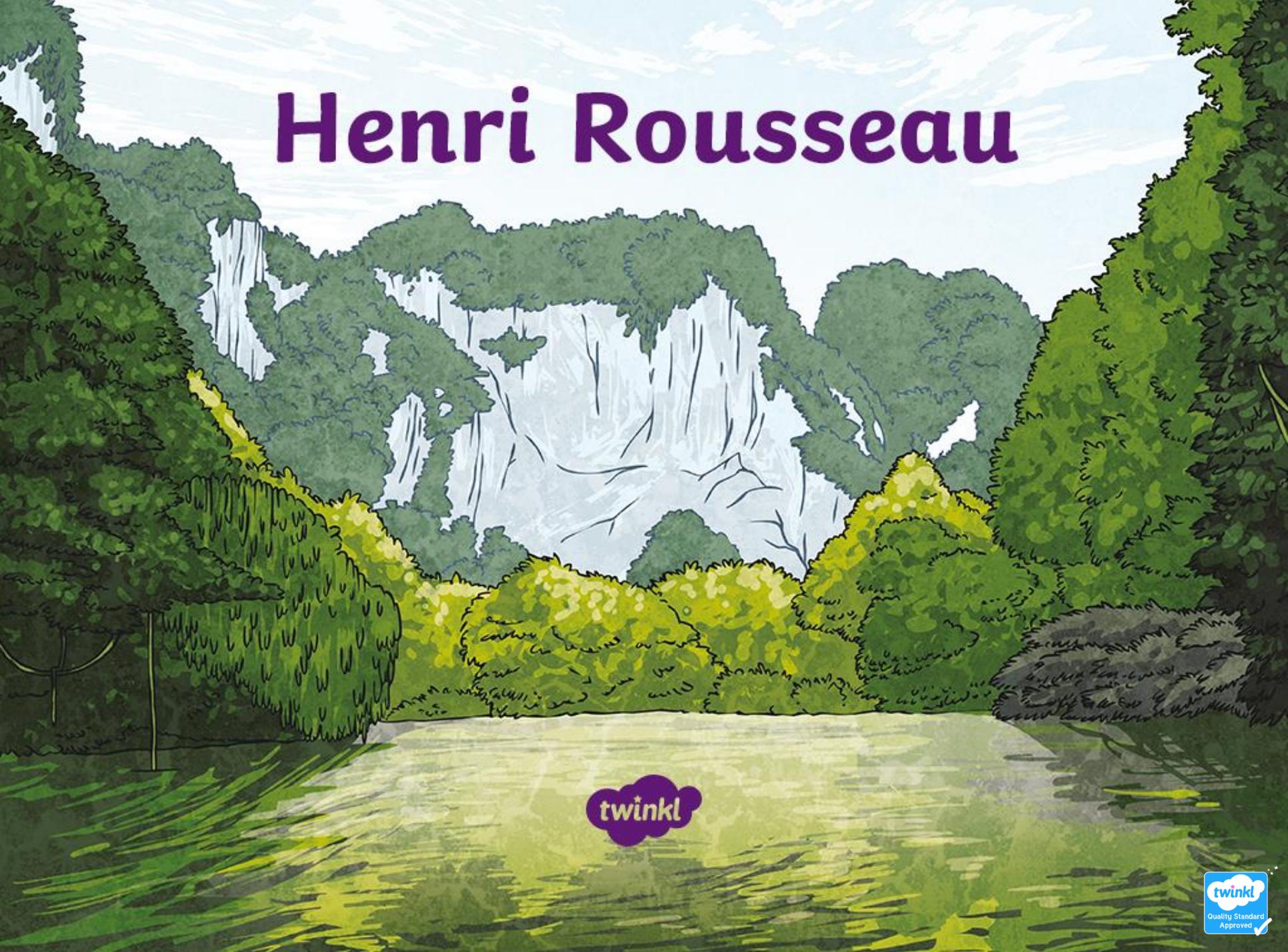


Henri Rousseau



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Henri Rousseau was a famous French painter.

He was born in 1844 in Western France, and attended boarding school.

At school, Henri Rousseau won prizes for drawing and music.



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After he finished school, he spent his early life working as a tax collector.

He taught himself to paint in his spare time, and started displaying his work at galleries in 1886.

He is best known for his jungle scenes, such as *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* (*Surprised!*)



Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!) 1891

by Henri Rousseau



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His art was called 'Post-Impressionism'.

This was an abstract style of art, which means that he didn't try to paint things exactly as they look in real life.

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Henri Rousseau was heavily criticised by lots of artists because they thought his painting was not very clever.

However, lots of other artists, such as Pablo Picasso, liked his work.

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Henri Rousseau also played the violin.

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Artists Paul Signac, Manuel Ortiz de Zárate, Robert Delaunay, Sonia Terk and the sculptor Brâncuși all attended Henri Rousseau's funeral.

