



Henri Matisse

Fauvism

Born Dec. 31,
1869 in Pic-
ardy, France

Believed art
should give
comfort

Developed
"Painting with
Scissors"



Henri Matisse was born December 31st, 1869 in Picardy, France. His parents, a shopkeeper and hat maker (milliner), wanted him to become a lawyer. They set him to law school in Paris, but when he was 20, he had appendicitis. While he was recovering, he took up painting. He then decided to become an artist. He went back to Paris to study art. In 1898, Matisse got married and his wife set herself up as a



milliner to help support his art career. She also modeled for many of his paintings.

His first exhibit, in 1905, drew a lot of criticism. Critics did not like his style - he used bright and unnatural colors. But, despite the controversy, Matisse sold a lot of his paintings.

In 1939 World War II broke out and Matisse and his wife separated. Two years later he had two major operations, which left him confined to a wheelchair.

By his 70s, Matisse was too ill to paint. He developed a new technique of creating artwork by cutting out printed paper and arranging them into a lively composition.

Matisse's final project was creating wall paintings and stained-glass windows, based on his paper cut-outs for a chapel in Vence, France. It was the culmination of his career. It was completed in 1951. Matisse died of a heart attack three years later - November 3, 1954.

Young Artists

Book List

13 Paintings Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel

People of all ages are fascinated by Mona Lisa's beguiling smile, and Van Gogh's hypnotic night sky. These paintings and ten others are featured in the book with interesting details.



13 Women Artists Children Should Know by Bettina Shuemann

This book teaches a young audience about the works and lives of thirteen women artists through informative texts, puzzles, coloring



13 Artists Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel

This heavily illustrated book featuring the world's greatest painters is an excellent introduction for young readers to artists and their works.



13 American Artists Children Should Know by Brad Finger

This lively introduction to some of the towering figures in American art will inspire children to dream, create, and think.



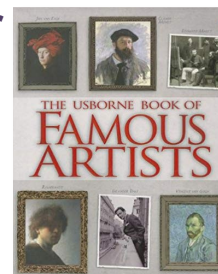
13 Modern Artists Children Should Know by Brad Finger

From Cubism to cartoons, this book of eye-popping art and engaging activities introduces young readers to modern art. Picasso, Chagall, Calder, Lichtenstein, Hockney...



The Usborne Book of Famous Artists by Ruth Brocklehurst

Looks at the life and work of some of the greatest artists in history, including Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Monet, and Picasso.



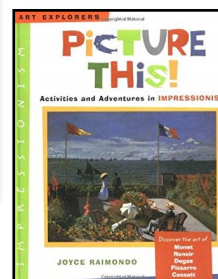
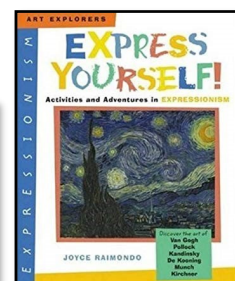
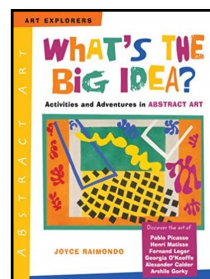
13 Art Inventions Children Should Know by Florian Heine

13 examples of some of the most important breakthroughs in artistic technology offers kids an exciting new perspective on the world of art.



Art Explorers Series by Joyce Raimondo

The Art Explorers series offers a new approach to art, encouraging kids to interpret what they see in famous artworks, then try the techniques themselves.



Impressionism: 13 Artists Children Should Know by Florian Heine

Presenting a variety of impressionist art, this inviting book shows young readers how painters like Claude Monet introduced impressionist styles and changed the course of art.

