HENRI ROUSSEAU
French, 1844-1910

Rousseau was an untrained artist who is often referred to as a "naïve" or primitive artist. What do you think that label means? Does it seem fair to you?

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During his lifetime Rousseau was often criticized yet he stuck to his own style and kept on creating. What do you think inspired him to move forwards despite others doubts about this talents?

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This paintings show subject matter typical of Rousseau's work even though he never saw a jungle. Describe what you see. Why would an artist paint something they don't know?

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