

## **Henri Matisse**

### **Biography**

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**Henri (Emile Benoit) Matisse. (onri matese)**

- **☐ Born in 1869 in France; died 1954.**
- **☐ Often considered to be the father of modern art.**
- **☐ Studied law; turned to art at age 20 while recuperating from appendicitis.**
- **☐ Studied at Academie in Paris; he wanted to move beyond carefully drawn figures in dark colors as was taught.**
- **☐ His color palette, composition and early subject matter were influenced by Gauguin, Cezanne and VanGogh's paintings.**
- **☐ He loved patterns too, creating still lifes of scenes with fruit, women, windows, plants, and many patterned tapestries & fabrics.**
- **☐ Matisse explored painting, sculpting, printmaking and paper cuts; he even designed a church, (near Nice, France) - the walls, windows and priest's robes.**
- **☐ As he aged (too weak to stand at easel) he picked up scissors and began to cut paper shapes moving them around until he found the perfect balance of color and shape.**
- **☐ His vibrant paper cut creations stand as some of the greatest graphic artwork of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.**