

# Henri Matisse

- Henri Matisse was born on 31st December 1869.
- He trained as a lawyer, but decided to become a painter.
- At the beginning of his career, Matisse focused on painting landscapes and still-lives in a traditional style.
- Matisse started to create large scale cut paper collages. He called the technique 'painting with scissors'.
- Henri's daughter, Marguerite, was a member of the French Resistance during World War 2. She was captured, tortured and was sent to the Ravensbruck concentration camp. Luckily, she managed to escape from the train.
- Matisse died of heart failure in 1954. He was 84.