

5 STEPS to be a great **ART DOCENT**

- 1- Choose an artist you like - *find inspiration anywhere - the art hanging in our school halls, current museum exhibits, etc*
- 2- Find some cool facts about your artist - *look at our art docent resources or just Google it*
- 3- Pick what **you** are excited to share with the kids - *the artist's background, the medium, the subject matter?*
- 4- Collect materials - *find an example of the artist's work, collect stories and or/art supplies from the AD closet or the web*
- 5- Go into the classroom & have fun! - *present your artist in anyway you feel most comfortable and enthusiastic*
Enjoy watching our kids learn & build on your energy & interest. You are a great Art Docent!

Here's an example
(feel free to use)



*Icarus, plate VIII from the illustrated book, "Jazz"
Henri Matisse 1947*

1- Henri Matisse

2- Henri Matisse was born in France on December 31, 1869.

He trained as a lawyer, but decided to become a painter.

He was part of the modern art movement.

Matisse used strong colors and focussed on patterns and shapes.

He became part of the Fauves (wild beasts).

At 72 yrs old & confined to a wheelchair, he created cut paper collages, often VERY large.

He called the technique
"painting with scissors".

3- Huge paper collages are cool!

Adapting to limitations is vital.

4- Bring in photos of his murals, construction paper & glue dots, coordinate with teacher

5- Talk about Matisse, show his work, ask kids to cut out organic shapes from paper, using glue dots have kids create a mural on the classroom wall with their cutouts, take pictures to distribute later. Have fun!

