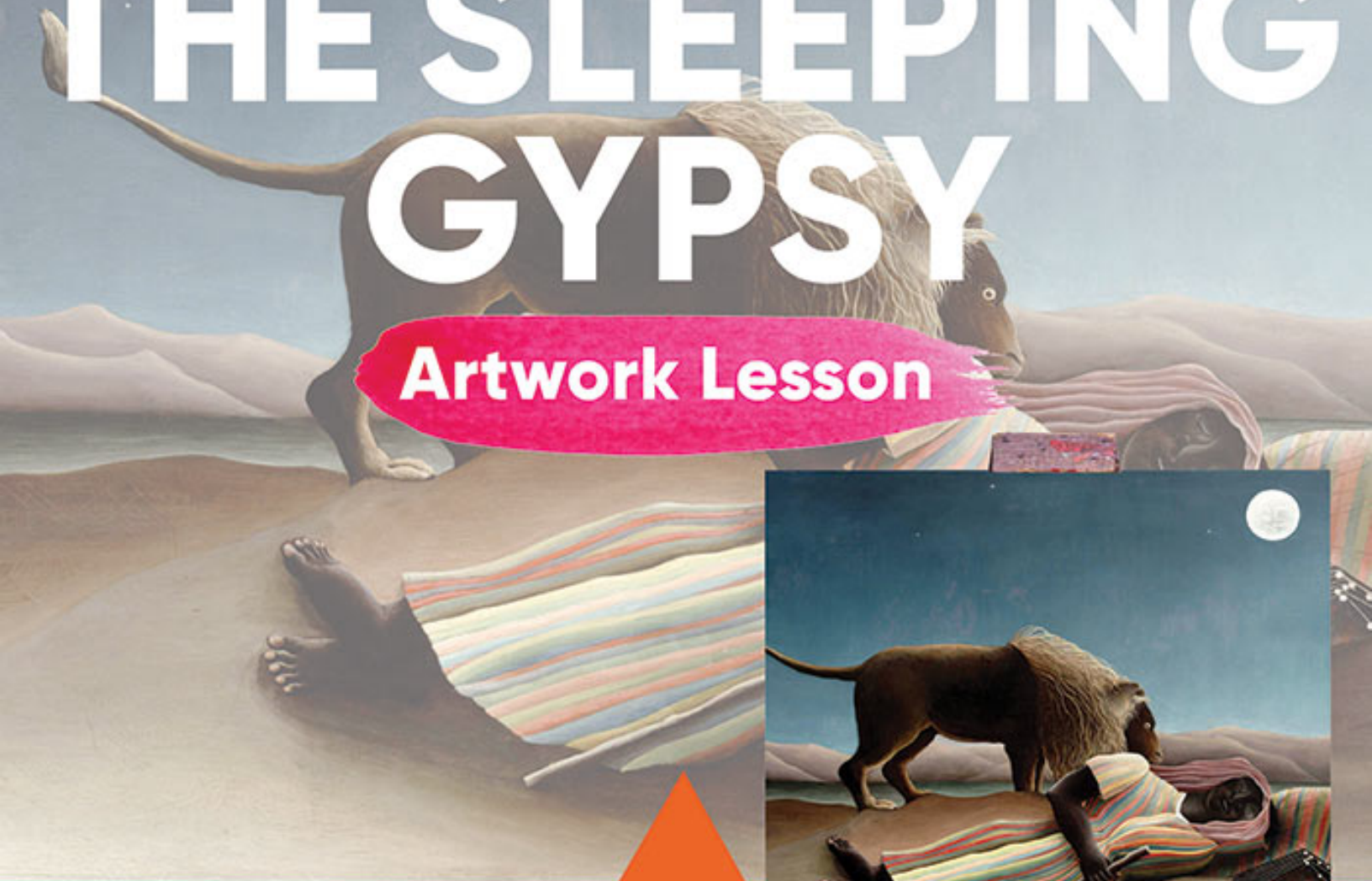


Henri Rousseau's

# THE SLEEPING GYPSY

Artwork Lesson



art class  
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# Invite Your Students to Explore An Engaging Artwork BENEATH THE SURFACE

Our ARTWORK OF THE WEEK Lessons equip you to teach a complete art experience for your students with:

- artwork discussion questions
- learning activities
- writing worksheets
  - project ideas
  - and more!

Depending on class length and the number of activities you choose, an Artwork of the Week lesson can last for one class period or be extended throughout a full week.



# This is an adaptable, full lesson on *The Sleeping Gypsy*

This is a complete lesson with discussion questions, talking points, activities, and project ideas for Henri Rousseau's *The Sleeping Gypsy*.

## FILES IN THIS LESSON INCLUDE:

- Lesson Plan
- PowerPoint
- My Dream Worksheet
- My Song Worksheet
- I Am Worksheet



**ABOUT THE ARTIST**

**Henri Rousseau**  
1844-1910  
French  
Known for: Painting  
Movements/Style: Naïve Art (Primitivism)

- Self-taught painter and was often ridiculed by art critics during his lifetime.
- He didn't seriously start painting until he was in his 40s.
- His goal was to paint very realistically, but his final results ended up being more Surreal and dream-like.
- His artworks and style influenced avant-garde artists.
- Rousseau was inspired by animals and jungles. He was not well-travelled so he used illustrated books and visits to the Paris Zoo and Botanical Gardens for drawing reference.

