



Frida Kahlo



Who is Frida Kahlo?

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| Born | 6 th July 1907, Coyoacán, México City, Mexico |
| Died | 13 th July 1954 (aged 47) |
| Nationality | Mexican |
| Education | Self-taught |
| Profession | Painter |
| Art Style | Surrealism – she painted about her dreams and what happens when we dream |

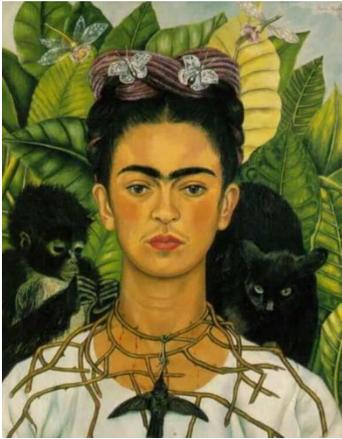
What was Frida Kahlo's life like?

When she was a child, she loved to draw and preferred to be alone drawing than spending time with her sisters. When she was 6, she caught a disease called polio. This left her with problems with her leg and then, when she was 18, she was in a terrible bus accident. Because of these accidents, she was in lots of pain for the rest of her life and had to spend much of her life resting in bed. This didn't stop her from painting and, while in bed, she drew and painted what she felt and saw. Much of the pain she suffered she put into her paintings.

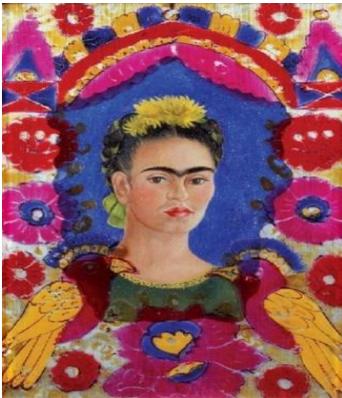
She married another famous Mexican artist, who was called Diego Rivera and they both were very successful. This was even more impressive because, at the time, women didn't have many rights as they do now, making her a very important figure for women in Mexico and around the world.



What are some of her most famous pieces?



Frida Kahlo was most known for her self-portraits. These are paintings that Frida painted of herself. She didn't just paint herself but also added things around her in the painting. These were not just to make the painting pretty but everything she had in the painting related to something about her.



This is one of her self-portraits called 'The Frame', Frida has drawn herself in the middle of a very colourful frame.

Example questions

1. Where was Frida Kahlo from?
2. What sort of art did Frida create? What was her inspiration?
3. What was Frida most famous for painting? Can you describe one of her most famous pieces?
4. What made her want to start painting?
5. When did Frida Kahlo die?

Challenge

As we know, in her self-portraits, Frida often included details that were personal to her, her culture and how she was feeling.

Could you draw your own self-portrait and include details that are specific to who you are as a person and the things that are important to you in your life.

