

Frida Kahlo



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Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird

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Frida Kahlo was born in 1907 in Mexico. Frida as a child loved to draw, she would rather spend time on her own than play with her six sisters.

At six years old she became ill. The illness was called Polio, which damaged her right leg. At the age of 18 she was in a terrible bus accident which left her with broken bones in her spine, collar bone, ribs and more. Whilst she was ill in bed recovering Frida would draw to help keep her busy. Having to stay in bed meant she couldn't see much, so she put a mirror on the ceiling so that she could see herself and paint a self-portrait. A self-portrait is when you paint or draw a picture of yourself. She also spent valuable time with her father who taught her all about photography.



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Frida Kahlo's "Self-Portrait as a Tehuana" (1943)

Frida used bright vibrant colours in her work as it reminded her of where she used to live in Mexico. She also included animals such as monkeys and birds in her work. Frida is one of the most important artists of modern times not only did she paint self-portraits she also painted women as strong people. Frida always wore bright colours and flowers in her hair along with jewellery. This helped to make her self-portraits colourful.

Frida became the first Mexican artist to have art exhibited in the world-renowned museum, The Louvre. The Louvre is a very famous museum in Paris, France. They purchased one of her paintings and this helped her to become one of the world famous artists we hear of today.