

Who Is Frida Kahlo?



Frida Kahlo was born on July 6, 1907 in Coyoacán, Mexico. She had 6 sisters. She grew up with her sisters and parents in a house they called La Casa Azul (The Blue House). It was called La Casa Azul because it was painted a bright blue color. She loved to draw when she was a child instead of playing dolls with her sisters.

When she was six years old Frida caught a disease called polio. This disease damaged her right leg and she walked with a limp. Later when she was 18 she was in a bus accident that hurt her back and collar bone. She had to spend a lot of time recovering in bed. During this time she painted things she saw from her bed and in her dreams. She painted 143 paintings. 55 of these paintings were self portraits she painted of herself. She was alone a lot because of her illness and painted many things about being alone. She painted animals, fruits, and flowers in very bright colors. When she got better, sometimes she still had pain, but she was strong-willed and continued to paint.

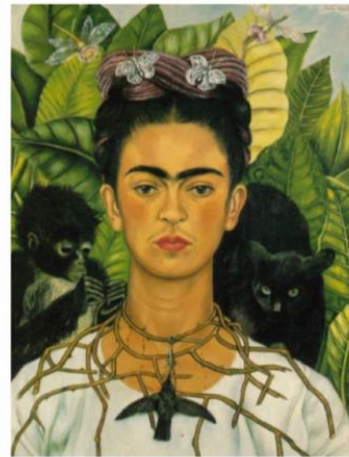
She looked up to Mexican artist Diego Rivera and asked him to help her with her art. They fell in love and got married. They were both very famous Mexican artists.

Frida supported women when they did not have many rights. She also took care of the people of Mexico. She was a strong woman with many opinions. She was not afraid to fight for what she thought was unfair treatment of people. Frida was a modern woman who used her talent to help others. She painted in bright colors representing her Mexican roots. Some of her paintings are very popular during an annual celebration called Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). People celebrate and honor their family members who have died using her art. She is the most famous female Mexican artist of all time!

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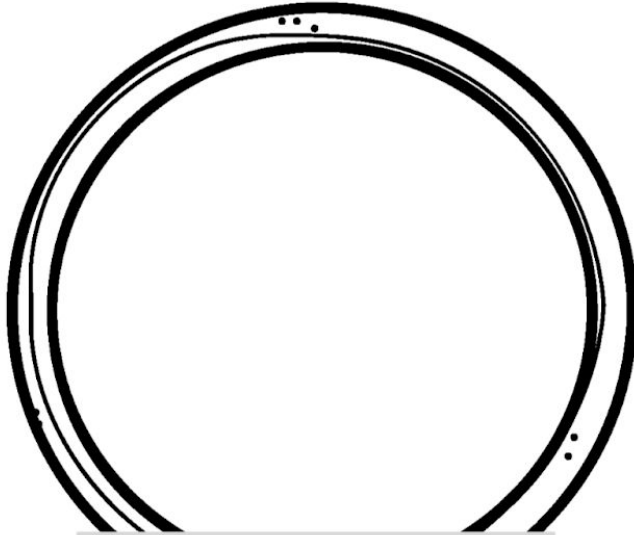
LOOKING AT ART

List 3 things you see in this painting.



Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace
and Hummingbird

What is the setting of this
painting?



Draw your favorite part of the painting
in this circle

List all of the colors you can see in this painting.

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DESIGN YOUR OWN KAHLO

