

Knowledge Organiser - Frida Kahlo (Y4)

Vocabulary

Surrealism	An abstract art movement where artwork is based on fantasy and the world of dreams.
Self-portrait	A painting that documents how an artist sees themselves and how they want others to perceive them.
Tint	Adding colour to white to create a lighter version of the colour.
Shade	Adding colour to black to create a darker version of the colour.
Proportions	Exploring the size relationship between two or more elements in a piece of artwork.
Vibrant	Colours that are bright and strong.

Key Facts

Who was Frida Kahlo? Frida Kahlo is considered to be one of the most important artists of modern times. She was a Mexican artist who was born just outside of Mexico City. During her childhood, she contracted polio and was taught photography by her father whilst she recovered.

What is she well known for? Frida Kahlo was famous for painting self-portraits and also painting women as strong people. She used lots of bright colours in her self-portraits which reminded her of the vibrant colours of the hot country where she lived. She was very proud of her Mexican heritage. She also included lots of tropical flowers and animals such as monkeys and birds.

What is her art style? Frida Kahlo painted important moments throughout her life aiming to tell a story of how she felt during these times. She is also well-known for her surrealist work.



Frida Kahlo's Work



Interesting Facts

- Frida Kahlo is the first Mexican artist to have a piece of artwork acquired by the Louvre in Paris.
- When asked why she paints self-portraits she replied with 'I paint self-portraits because... I am the person I know best.'
- Whilst she was recovering from her traffic accident, Frida Kahlo couldn't see very much from her bed, so she had a mirror based on the ceiling so that she could see herself.
- She was well-known for wearing bright colours, flowers in her hair and jewellery.

1907

On July 6th, Frida Kahlo was born in a village just outside of Mexico City.

1913

Frida contracted a disease called Polio. Whilst she was recovering, she spent a lot of time with her father who taught her about photography.

1925

Frida was recovering from a traffic accident where she practiced painting.

1954

Frida Kahlo spent her life creating paintings. She died on July 13th 1954.

Modern Day

Frida Kahlo didn't really become famous until after her death. She is the first Mexican artist to have art owned by the Louvre and there is now a museum dedicated to her in the house she was born.

Frida Kahlo's Timeline