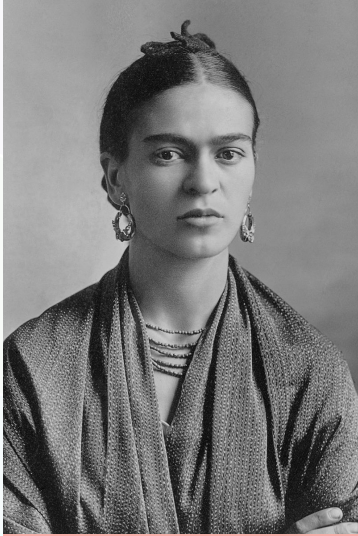


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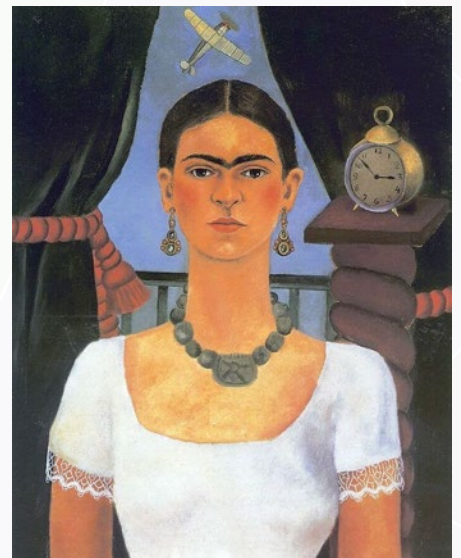
1907-1954

Frida Kahlo was a famous Mexican artist. She mainly painted self-portraits and had her own style of art. She used bright colours and oil paints to create her paintings.

When Frida was 6 years old, she was struck with polio, which affected the use of her right leg. Her leg grew very thin and her foot didn't grow properly.

Frida was nicknamed 'peg-leg Frida'

Frida didn't always want to be an artist. She wanted to be a doctor. But when she was 18, she was in a bus accident which injured her back, breaking her spine and many other bones. Frida was in a lot of pain for the rest of her life.



She began painting when she was in hospital because it helped her to feel better. Frida painted many self-portraits. She liked to explore her feelings and often painted herself looking quite serious.



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Frida didn't want to hide anything about herself and painted her facial hair. She looked like she had a very long eyebrow.

Frida was proud to be a Mexican woman. She painted herself wearing traditional Tehuana dress – flowered headdress, loose blouse, gold jewellery and a long ruffled skirt.

Frida loved animals and had lots of pets. She loved to paint her pets. She had pet parrots and monkeys.

Even when she was very ill, Frida still painted. Her very last painting was of some watermelons. She wrote 'viva la vida' on the painting, which means long live life. Frida died in 1954 and she was a very well-known and unique artist.



FRIDA KAHLO

COMPREHENSION

1. Where was Frida Kahlo from? Tick one.

Mexico	☐
England	☐

2. Why was Frida nicknamed 'peg-leg'?

3. What did Frida want to be before becoming an artist?

4. What kind of pets did Frida have?

5. Tick the true statement.

Viva la vida means 'long live life'.	☐
Frida tried to hide what she was really like.	☐