# Frida Kahlo

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Frida Kahlo liked helping her dad take photos.

She liked wearing bright clothes.

Frida was ill as a child. She taught herself to paint in bed.

Frida Kahlo liked painting pictures of herself.

Her paintings were bright.

She painted herself with animals.

- Frida Kahlo married her artist friend. His name was Diego Rivera.
- Frida Kahlo went to America to show her paintings.
- Frida Kahlo was thought to be brave. She did not let her illness stop her from painting.

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# Questions

1. Where did Frida Kahlo come from? Tick one.

   - ◯ Mexico
   - ◯ Malta
   - ◯ Germany

2. What did Frida Kahlo like helping her dad do? Tick one.

   - ◯ play football
   - ◯ take photos
   - ◯ make clothes

3. What did Frida Kahlo like wearing? Tick one.

   - ◯ bright clothes
   - ◯ tall hats
   - ◯ glasses

4. **She taught herself to _____ in bed.** Tick one.

   - ◯ read
   - ◯ write
   - ◯ paint

5. What did Frida Kahlo paint herself with? Tick one.

   - ◯ cars
   - ◯ animals
   - ◯ books

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## What Was Frida Kahlo's Childhood Like?

Frida Kahlo became ill when she was a child and she could not walk very well. Her dad took photos and she liked helping him. Kahlo went to a good school when she was 15 but there were not many other girls there. She liked wearing bright Mexican clothes.

Kahlo was badly hurt in a bus crash when she was 18. She could not go back to school and had to stay in bed for months. She taught herself to paint while she was in bed.

## What Was Frida Kahlo's Family Like?

Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico in 1907. Her father was German and he met Frida's mother in Mexico.

## What Was Frida Kahlo's Life as an Artist Like?

Frida Kahlo liked painting pictures of herself because she said that she was the person that she knew the best. Her paintings were bright and she painted about her life or herself with animals. Kahlo married her artist friend, whose name was Diego Rivera. She travelled to show her art.

Kahlo was thought to be brave because she did not let her illness stop her from painting. Her old home was turned into a place where other people could learn about her life.

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1. Where did Frida Kahlo's mother and father meet? Tick one.

   ◯ France
   ◯ Mexico
   ◯ Germany

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

| | |
|---|---|
| What was the name of Frida Kahlo's husband? | animals |
| What did Frida Kahlo like wearing? | Diego Rivera |
| What did Frida Kahlo paint herself with? | bright Mexican clothes |

3. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

   ☐ Frida Kahlo taught herself to paint.
   ☐ Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico.
   ☐ Frida Kahlo's house was turned into a place where other people could learn about her life.

4. Fill in the missing word.

   She _____ herself to paint while she was in bed.

5. Look at the section **What Was Frida Kahlo's Life as an Artist Like?** Find and copy one word which shows that Frida Kahlo went on a trip.

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   She **taught** herself to paint while she was in bed.

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   **travelled**

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Frida Kahlo was an artist from Mexico. She was famous for painting pictures of herself.

## Childhood

Frida Kahlo became ill when she was a child and this left her unable to walk very well. Kahlo went to a very good school in Mexico to study science when she was 15. Kahlo was thought to be very clever and there were not many other girls in the school. Frida Kahlo was known at school for wearing colourful Mexican clothes.

## Family

Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico in 1907. Her father was German and he met Kahlo's mother in Mexico. Kahlo was very close to her father. He took photos for his job and she liked helping him.

## Artist

Kahlo mostly painted pictures of herself. She liked painting herself because she said that she was the person that she knew the best. Kahlo showed her artwork to her friend called Diego Rivera. He was an artist and he supported her to paint. Kahlo and Rivera later got married.

Frida Kahlo travelled around the United States of America and France to show her art. Her paintings were bright and colourful. Kahlo often painted herself with animals or to show what was happening in her life.

## Did You Know...?

Frida Kahlo was more famous in other parts of the world rather than at home in Mexico.



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Frida Kahlo was badly hurt in a bus crash when she was 18. She was not able to go back to school and had to stay in bed for months. Then, her dad **encouraged** her to do art and she taught herself to paint while she was lying in bed.

Frida Kahlo was ill throughout her life but she was thought to be brave because she did not let her illness stop her from becoming an artist. The home where she grew up was turned into a museum so that other people could learn more about her life.

## Glossary

**encouraged**: Supported someone to do something.

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   ◯ maths
   ◯ science
   ◯ history

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|---|---|
| What job did Diego Rivera have? | Mexico |
| Where did Frida Kahlo's mother and father meet? | United States of America and France |
| Where did Frida Kahlo travel to show her art? | artist |

3. Why did Frida Kahlo like painting herself?

   _____

4. Fill in the missing word.

   Kahlo showed her _____ to her friend called Diego Rivera.

5. Look at the section **Artist**. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'a building which holds objects from history or art'.

   _____



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6. How do you think Frida Kahlo would describe her dad to somebody? Explain why you think this.

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   **Frida Kahlo liked painting herself because she said that she was the person that she knew best.**

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   **museum**


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6. How do you think Frida Kahlo would describe her dad to somebody? Explain why you think this.

   **Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Frida Kahlo would say that her dad was loving and caring because he encouraged her to paint when she was ill in bed and they were very close.**



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