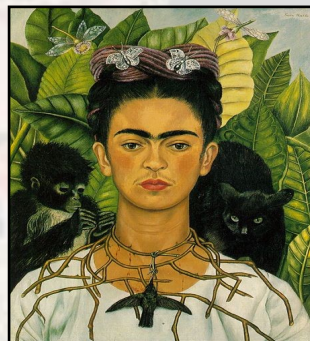
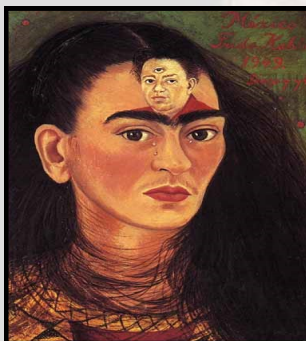
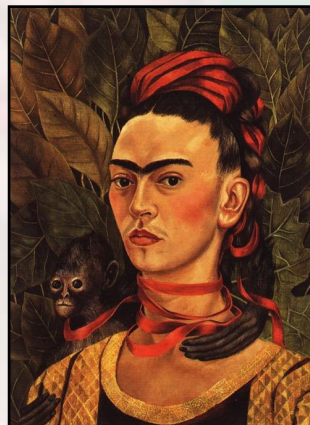


Year 6 - Frida Kahlo

Born: 7th July 1907 Mexico City,
Mexico

Died: 13th July 1954 Mexico City,
Mexico

Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter. She is best known for her work showing women and experiences relating to women, and for her self portraits, often painted in naive or primitive style.



Art Work

In 1990 she was the first Latin American artist to sell at auction for over \$1 million when *Diego and I* sold for \$1.4 million. Her work continues to gain value, her most expensive painting was sold for \$8 million in 2016.

55 of her 143 paintings are self-portraits.

Kahlo's work was strongly influenced by Mexican culture. Her paintings often had monkeys in them, a widely used Mexican motif, which she used to symbolize protection and tenderness.



As a child, Kahlo dreamed of being a doctor, with art being a side hobby nurtured by her father, who was a photographer.

That dream ended at age 18, when Kahlo and her boyfriend at the time, were involved in a horrific accident. The wooden bus they were traveling on collided with a streetcar which caused an iron handrail to impale Kahlo through the pelvis.

Because of the accident, she had over 30 operations during her life and was never able to have children.

Feminism

A lot of Kahlo's work promoted feminism. Feminism is a range of social movements, political movements, and ideologies that aim to define, establish, and achieve the political, economic, personal, and social equality of the sexes.