




# Frida Kahlo

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# Early Years

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- Frida Kahlo was born on July 6, 1907 in Coyoacan, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Her parents were Matilde Calderón y González(1874-1932) and Guillermo Kahlo(1871-1941). Frida had 3 sisters which were Cristina Kahlo, Matilda Kahlo Calderon, and Adriana Kahlo Calderon.

# Early Years Continued...

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- Frida spent her childhood and her adult life in Mexico.
- Frida contracted polo at the age of six and was bed ridden for nine months. While she was recovering she had a limp so her dad encouraged her to play soccer, go swimming, and wrestle to aid the recovery.

# Education

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- Frida only went to one school which is National Preparatory School. She was one of a few females to attend the school.

# Adult- Early Years

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- Frida and moved to San Francisco and Detroit with her husband, Diego Rivera.
- They moved to San Francisco and Detroit because Diego had been commissions with Luncheon Club of the San Francisco Stock Exchange, the California School of Fine Arts, and The Detroit Institute of Arts.

# Early Years- Influences/ Friends

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- In 1939, when Frida lived in Paris she exhibited some of her paintings and she developed some friendships with the artists Marcel Duchamp and Pablo Picasso.
- Diego Rivera influenced Frida and pushed her to show her work to the world.

# Personal Life

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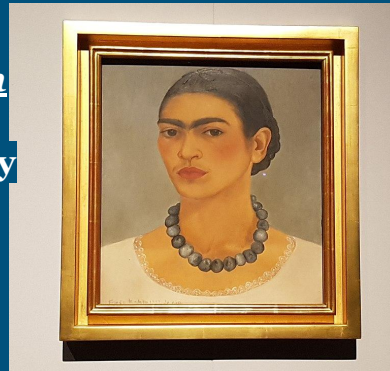
- Frida got married to the artist Diego Rivera(1886-1957) in 1929. They got a divorce in 1939 , but got remarried the next year. The couple didn't have children because of Frida was not able to bear them.
- Frida's work was influenced by Mexican Folk Culture.

# First works of Art

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- Frida's first works of art are her self-portraits. She started her self-portraits after her accident in 1925. Her art is known for her experience with chronic pain.
- Frida became popular very quickly after she showed her works to the world. Many artists were interested in her work.

*Self-Portrait with  
Necklace, 1933*  
Self-Portrait Very  
Ugly





# Style

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- Frida's self-portraits mixed elements from pre-Columbian and Catholic beliefs.
- Some have said she uses surrealism and magical realism.

Self  
Portrait  
with  
Monkeys,  
1943



Self-Portrait  
as a Tehuana,  
1943

# Style Continued..

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- Frida used realism, surrealism, symbolism, and naturalism.
- Two famous artist that used at least one of those styles were Diego Rivera and Jose Clemente Orozco.

# Works-Famous

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- This painting is located at Museo de Arte Moderno in Mexico City.



*The Two  
Fridas,*  
1939

# Works- Famous Continued..

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- The Two Fridas was created in 1939. The size of the painting is on a 5'8 x 5'8 canvas and the medium is oil paint.
- Both Fridas hold items in their lap; the Mexican Frida holds a small portrait of Diego Rivera, and the European Frida holds forceps. Blood spills onto the European Frida's white dress from a broken blood vessel that has been cut by the forceps. The blood vessel connects the two Fridas, winding its way from their hands through their hearts. The work alludes to Kahlo's life of constant pain and surgical procedures and the Aztec tradition of human sacrifice. Because this piece was completed by Kahlo shortly after her divorce, the European Frida is missing a piece of herself, her Diego.

# Critique

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I have never seen a photograph of Kahlo that isn't captivating. The Brooklyn show is filled with them, dating from early childhood to her final decade, and reminds us that she fascinated people even before she began painting her indelible self-portraits.

<https://washingtonmonthly.com/2001/06/01/the-trouble-with-frida-kahlo/>

# My Critique

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- I think that Frida Kahlo's work is amazing and it shows a lot of emotion and the way she views herself. Some of her works show how she was feeling and what she was going through at that time. Her work also shows her inspiration from Mexican nature and artifacts.

# Other Works

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- My favorite piece of work by Frida Kahlo is *Henry Ford Hospital* (The flying bed). It's my favorite because this painting is a way of Frida expressing and explaining how she felt about her miscarriage. Another reason this is my favorite is this is something real and can be felt by a lot of people.

# Importance

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- Frida Kahlo is considered one of the most significant artists of the 20th century and Mexico's greatest artistic export. She faced what seems like insurmountable challenges, but still managed to live a rich and full life that most of us can only dream of.



# Other Facts

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- Frida died on July 13, 1954
- She Joined the Young Communist League and the Mexican Communist Party while she was in school.
- Frida had fractures in her spine and pelvis due to the reck.
- In 1953, She received her first solo exhibition in mexico

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