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## **PABLO PICASSO**

Pablo Picasso started working at art when he was very young. He made hi debut as an artist in 1893, at the age of only 12 with his father Guidance. Picasso even drew before he could even walk. He had got in to the advanced classes at the royal academy of art when he was only 14 years of age, and his painting career was so long that he was actually still painting pictures at the ripe old age of 91.

Pablo Picasso was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1881 and died on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1973. Even though he was so old when he died, it is written that he kept on painting until the day that he actually died.

Picasso had many different eras of paintings. Some were in many shades of blue, but then there were ones in colours like pinks and greys. When Picasso painted with the style cubism, he painted the world not from one angle, but from many different angles. Picasso's artwork consisted of him breaking normal objects in to many different sized pieces. Some weren't even cubes but the name cubism stuck with Picasso's style of work. Picasso started the era of cubism in 1907, with painting that he had called "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon".

Pablo Picasso created more than 22,000 works of art during his lifetime. One of the paintings that he did, Las Meninas, he painted 36 times in different styles. To make each of the versions different, he used colours, shapes and space to make each one different from the rest of them. But in the first place he based all of the 36 pictures on the original by Diego Velasquez.

Picasso's mother was called Maria Picasso Lopez and his father was called Jose Ruiz Blasco. Instead of taking his fathers name like you would normally for a surname, Picasso decided to take his mothers, because he found it sounded a lot more interesting than Ruiz.

When he was painting, it took Picasso a long time to become happy with the styles of work that he was producing. He was quite old when he became pleased with the type of work that he had produced over the years that he had worked on the masterpieces.

Some of the works that Picasso produced over the years were things like "Guernica", in 1937, which he was asked to paint about the horrors of war. Picasso was asked to paint "Guernica" by Fransisco Franco. Another piece that Picasso did was he made a sculpture for the Chicago civic centre, and that is supposed to be 50 feet tall.

Picasso didn't just do paintings. He also did sculptures and drawings, which with the help of the paintings that Picasso did changed the world of art.

In the year 1898, Picasso's painting "Costumbres de Aragon" was so brilliant, that it started to win medals and awards in places like Madris and Malaga. Some of his other works of art that hid did were "Three Musicians" and "Three Women at the Spring" were done in the year 1921.

In 1918, Picasso gets married to Olga Koklova. Picasso has one child with Olga in 1921 called Paul. This is the only child that Picas so has with Olga. Picasso and Olga's marriage does not last. In 1935 he finally separates from Olga. Also in the same year that Picasso split up from Olga, His daughter Maia is born to Maria-Therese Walter. He also had two more children in 1947 and 1949 called Claude and Paloma Maria-Therese Walter is a model that made her appearance in Picasso's paintings in 1932. Though Twenty years later in 1955, disaster strikes and Picasso's ex wife Olga dies.

In 1969, Picasso paints 140 canvases; showing that even when he was 87, he could still paint as well as he could in his youth. But a year later, he donates 2000 oils and paintings to Picasso Museum, which Picasso had done in his early art career.





Two versions of Las Meninas That Picasso did.



self-portrait by Pablo Picasso.