

# Pablo Picasso

**P**ablo Picasso is one of the world's most important artists. He was alive from 1881 to 1973. He was Spanish, but he lived for a long time in France.

## YOUNG ARTIST

Young Pablo always wanted to be an artist. When he was a child he had art lessons from his father, who was also a painter. Then, when he was sixteen, he went to the best art school in Spain.

## PARIS – CENTRE OF ART

In 1900 he moved to Paris. It was a very exciting time! Paris was the centre of art in Europe. Pablo Picasso found lots of new friends and learned a new language. At first he was very poor. He burned lots of his paintings to keep his room warm!

## RICH AND FAMOUS!

After a few years his life was very different. Some of his paintings were gloomy; paintings of sad women in blue and green paint. Some were happier; paintings in orange and pink of people playing music. People liked his paintings and they bought them. Soon he was rich and famous!

Look at the paintings by Picasso on these pages. Which one do you like most? Why? Work in pairs.



Three Musicians



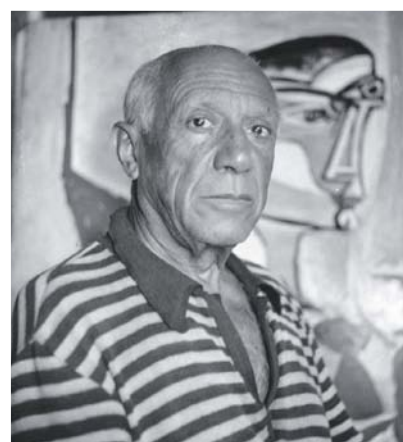
Guernica

## DIFFERENT PAINTINGS

Picasso is most famous for his Cubist work. Cubist paintings looked different from other paintings at the time. The shapes in these pictures look flat. Some of Picasso's Cubist pictures have got bits of newspaper and wallpaper in them. This is 'collage'. Some are about war and have very strong ideas in them, like 'Guernica' above.

## BEING ALONE

When Picasso wasn't painting, he hated being alone. He had many friends and girlfriends. In his life, he married twice and he had four children.



## EXPENSIVE!

Picasso was 91 when he died. Most of his work went to the French government who opened a special gallery, the Musée Picasso, in Paris. Now Picasso's paintings are some of the most expensive paintings in the world. Someone bought one painting, 'Garçon à la pipe' for over a hundred million U.S. dollars (\$100,000,000) in 2004!

What do these words mean? You can look in a dictionary.  
burn flat government gloomy marry shape