

PAINTER

# Frida Kahlo

**Born in 1907, Kahlo claimed she was born in 1910 – the year the Mexican revolution began. She was proud of Mexican culture and heritage and is known for her many portraits, self-portraits, and works inspired by the nature and artifacts of Mexico. She employed a naïve folk art style to explore questions of identity, postcolonialism, gender, class and race in Mexican society. Her paintings often had strong autobiographical elements and mixed realism with fantasy.**

**Kahlo is also known for painting about her experience of chronic pain. She suffered from polio as a child and later, almost died from a bus accident. She began her focus on painting while in a body cast during this time. Through her life, more health complications arose, including miscarriages resulting from the bus accident. This resulted in more artworks delving into her pain.**

**Kahlo was noted as bisexual for her various lovers and love for women in her life. She was passionate about maintaining her gardens and her pets, including dogs, spider monkeys, birds, and even a deer.**

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