

From Nana's Back Porch: Famous Artist Pablo Picasso

Hello, this is Nana from my back porch. Thank you for joining me today. You are all artists!

Hello and welcome, I'm Nana. Today we're going to be speaking about and studying one of the great giants in modern art, Pablo Picasso.

He was born in Malaga, Spain, and is widely known and acknowledged to be one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. He experimented with a wide range of styles, mediums, and themes throughout his career. Among Picasso's many contributions to the history of art, his important include pioneering the modern art movement called cubism. He also invented collage as an artistic technique.

Collage is different, the way that Picasso presented it in paintings. He would take tissue papers and other papers and make pictures on a canvas. That was what he introduced to the world. He also changed the way to sculpt. Not in stone, as it had been for centuries, but now in plastic.

He once said, "Every child is an artist, the problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Picasso kept his childlike view of the world, and he did become one of the most famous artists of the 20th century. Why? Because he was brilliant at drawing. As a child he was better at drawing than many adults. He could draw and paint just about anything in any style. He liked to experiment and try out new ideas, which is important if you are an artist, because the world is always changing.

Picasso was so experimental and created so many different kinds of art that historians have divided his life and the art he made into stages. The blue period and the rose period came first. Now this is not hard to understand. He used lots of blue paint and pink to make his paintings. These were followed by primitivism, cubism, classicism (when he created more traditional art), surrealism, his war time period, and then finally his late works.

One of his most famous periods is the cubist period. Cubism is when the artist paints an object, say, like a bottle, from lots of different angles, all in the same painting. So you see the front, the back, and the sides of the bottle at the same time. In a way it's a little like having x-ray eyes.

Picasso was born in Spain, in 1881, but at age 23, he moved to Paris. This is because Paris was the capital of what was called avant garde art, which means it was very cool and new cutting edge art. He became friends with writers and other artists like Georges Braque, who he invented cubism with. Cubism changed the face of European painting and sculpture forever while simultaneously affecting contemporary architecture, music, and literature.

He also is credited with inventing constructed sculpture, and co-inventing, as I said, the collage art style. He is one of the three artists in the 20th century credited with defining plastic arts. This was totally revolutionary art form that led to a generation to change their ideas in painting, sculpting, printmaking, and ceramics. These materials were not just plastic, but things that could be molded into any way. Sculptural artwork that the world had never seen before.

When Picasso died at age 91 in 1973, he had become very famous and successful. His career spanned a 78 year period in which he painted 13,500 paintings, 100,000 prints, and 34,000 illustrations.

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Picasso was and still is seen as almost like a magician by writers and critics. He could capture the sense of an artist, and he could transform himself. He could actually hide from us, fascinate and mesmerize us. His free spirit and originality was what artists even today seek to follow.

Thank you for joining me today. I hope you enjoyed this little lesson on Picasso. There are billions of people who admire his work all over the world. It is very different from what the world was used to, and it did change us. And he urges us to stay childlike and stay as a child and be an artist when you're an adult. Therefore, we always say: You ARE An Artist.

Love, Nana.

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