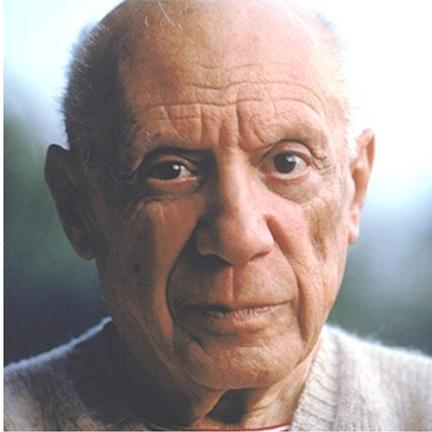


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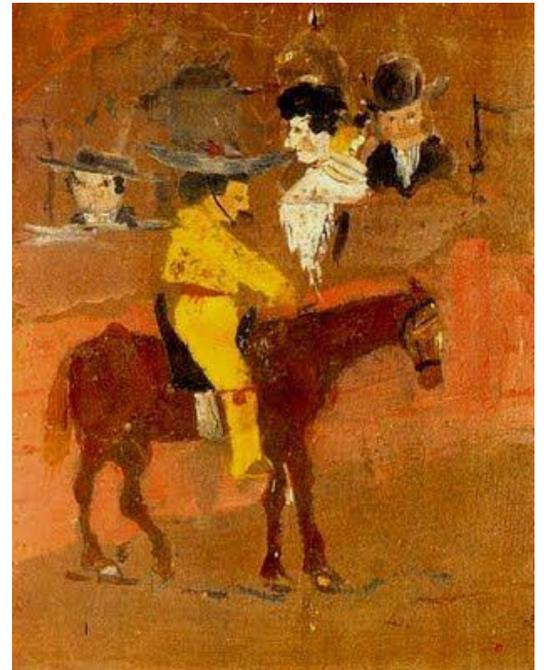
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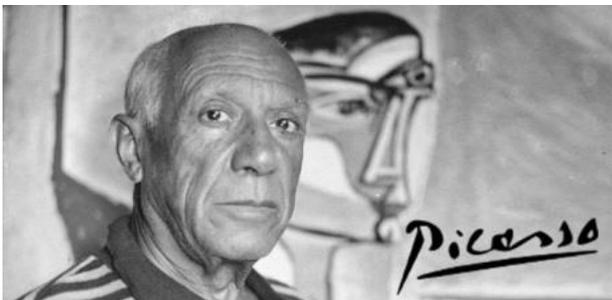
Pablo Ruiz Picasso, a renowned man of Spanish origin, was a famous painter and sculptor. He is credited with the creation of the artistic movement called Cubism along with another renowned artist, Georges Braque.

Pablo was born in Malaga, Spain on October 25, 1881 to a wealthy family. He was the first son of Jose Ruiz Blanco and Maria Picasso y Lopez.

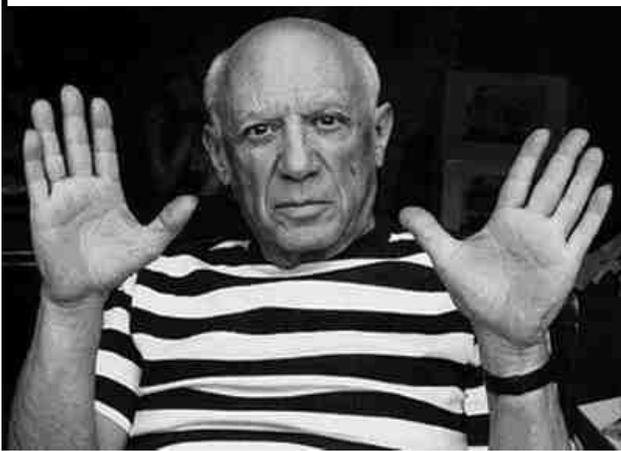
Pablo began painting in 1889, when he was eight years old. After seeing a bullfight and under his father's direction, Pablo painted the 'Yellow Picador.' This was his first oil painting; it is the picture shown to the right. This painting must have been very special to Pablo because he kept it for the rest of his life.



In 1891, the family moved from Malaga in southern Spain to La Coruna in the northern part of Spain. They moved because his father became a professor at the School of Fine Arts in Galicia. It was there that Pablo's artistic side flourished as he worked on his drawings, demonstrating his strong confidence in both himself and his talents. When he was only 13 years old, he held his first exhibition of his caricatures and drawings.



In September 1895, Picasso's father took another job as a professor at the School of Fine Arts in Barcelona, Catalonia where young Pablo was admitted as a student. This meant changing cities once again and adjusting to a new life. Despite this, Pablo's talent and creativity continued to develop dramatically.

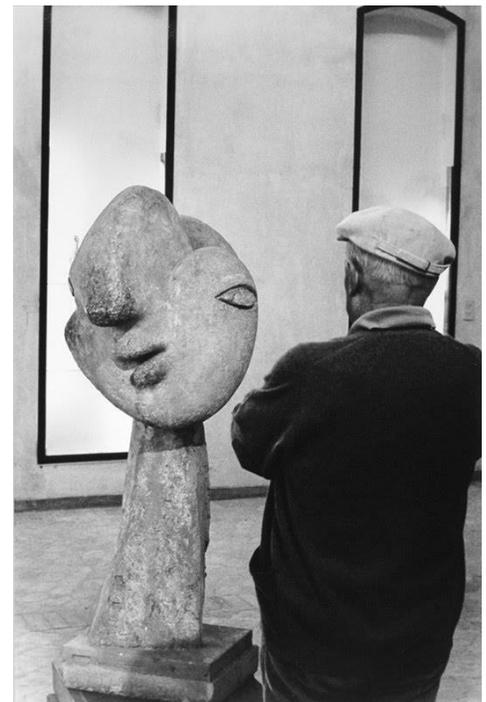


When he first began painting, he signed his works as Pablo Ruiz Picasso, then as Pablo R. Picasso. In Barcelona, his new friends started calling him by his maternal surname, Picasso, instead of his paternal surname, Ruiz. In 1901, he started signing his paintings as Picasso, a change that helped him become known as a famous Cubist artist.

In August 1904, while in Paris, the twenty-year-old Picasso met the woman who became his first great love, Fernande Olivier. She was known among the Spanish colony as La Belle Fernande. Their relationship would last until 1912. After Fernande, other women could capture his romantic feelings only, never his love.

Pablo Ruiz Picasso is known as one of the most important painters of the twentieth century worldwide. The works of this renowned artist are in several of the most recognized museums around the world. Not only is he recognized for his incredible ability to paint with oil, but he was also an accomplished artist capable of working with engraving, illustration of books, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, and designing sets for the theater.

On April 8, 1973, Pablo Picasso died from a pulmonary edema at his home which was called Notre-Dame-de-Vie in Mougins, France. Currently, his remains are buried in the Vauvenargues Castle Park, France.



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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. How old was Picasso when he did his first painting?

- a. 7
- b. 8
- c. 9
- d. 10



2. What was his first painting called?

- a. The Old Blind Guitarist
- b. The Ladies of Avignon
- c. The Yellow Picador
- d. Mr. Don Quixote

3. Who was Picasso's first love?

- a. Eva Gouel
- b. Fernande Olivier
- c. Marie-Thérèse
- d. Olga Khokhlova



4. Since 1901, Pablo began to sign his paintings as 'Picasso', a change that helped him to distinguish himself as a Cubist.

- a. True
- b. False

5. At what age did Picasso die?

- a. 71
- b. 81
- c. 91
- d. 101

