

Cubism

and

The Three Musicians

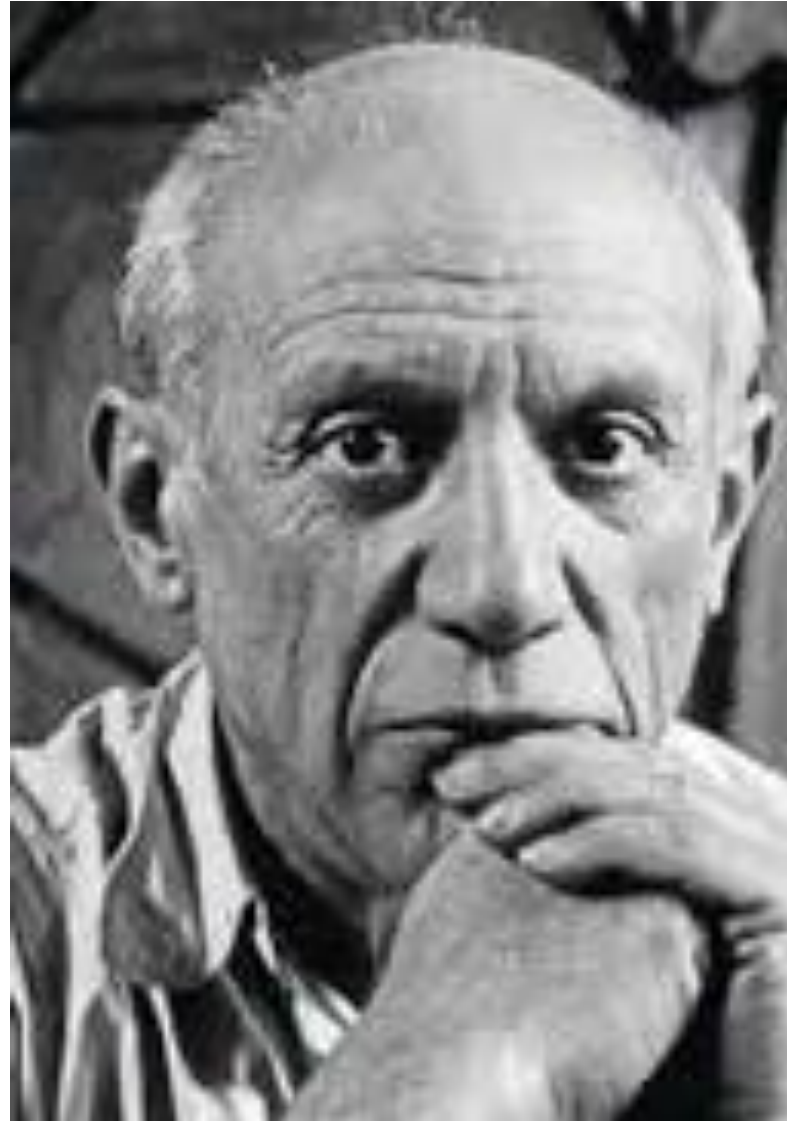
By Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso

1881-1973

Pablo Picasso was a Spanish painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist, stage designer, poet, and playwright. He is considered one of the most influential artists of the 20th century.

Although he was born in Spain, he spent most of his life in France. He was still working as a creative artist right up until his death at age 92.



Self Portraits created by **Pablo Picasso** at different ages in his life. Notice the different styles he used to portray himself.



The Three Musicians





This image gives you an idea of the size of the painting.



Study of the painting

The left side of the painting shows a specific character playing the violin. The figure is a Harlequin, a French clown who never speaks while he performs.



Study of the painting

The character in the center of the painting is another kind of French clown called a Pierrot, who also doesn't speak while performing.



Study of the painting

The right side of the painting shows a religious person called a monk playing an accordion.



Cubism

- I am sure you noticed immediately that this painting is different. It is an abstract painting created in the style known as Cubism.
- Cubism is a kind of art where the artist shows both the top and side of an object all filled in at once. The object sometimes looks as if it were leaning forward. The table in this painting is an example of this.
- Picasso was one of the artists who led in the movement of Cubism. He tried to make objects look like cubes, cylinders and cones.
- He would take an object and keep breaking it down, flattening it out, and changing its colors and shapes. He would put it back together again in planes.

The next several slides are Cubist paintings created by Picasso. Look at them carefully and notice the flattened shapes and the figures where all sides of the body are shown in a different perspective. Notice the landscapes and how they look like three dimensional blocks stacked together.















Now that you've studied Cubism try to create your own Cubist painting. You can study a particular object, person or imagine something. You might want to get out some blocks or LEGOs and create a three dimensional Cubist work. The most important thing is to have fun and be creative.