

## Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso was born on October 25, 1881, in Spain. Picasso was the father of Cubism, a style of painting which breaks a picture into Geometric shapes and perspectives. He is one of the most prolific, recognized, and important artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Picasso's paintings ranged in Styles, and throughout his life, he went through different painting "periods". He brought his new ideas to many mediums and worked often with ceramics. He did over 20,000 works of art in his life time.

### Art Project:

An Art project focusing on Portraits after the style of Picasso's faces, using bright colored paper and collage accompanies this presentation.

### Vocabulary Words:

Cubism, Geometric Form, Texture

### Catalyst Questions:

Pablo Picasso's favorite question when creating art was, "What if?" For Picasso, art was a way to explore answers to that question. Before Picasso, painters would paint one side of a subject from a stationary point of view. Picasso asked the question, "What if I walked around the subject and painted it from many different points of view?" "What if I presented all of these viewpoints simultaneously in the same painting?"

Other "what if" questions posed by Picasso ... How will things look if the forms in a scene are distilled into basic geometric shapes? What if I use geometric shapes such as cylinders, triangles, circles to construct a painting of a person or a cityscape?

These were departures from how art had traditionally been made. How do you think people felt about Picasso's art when it was first shown?

- Describe your reaction when you experience something that you are not expecting – that is different from the way things had always been done? For instance, how would you feel if there was a change in the way a traditional holiday was celebrated?
- What are some other examples where we are breaking with tradition and changing the way we imagine, express, and do things?

### Links:

#### #1) Pablo Picasso: Official Web Site

[http://www.picasso.fr/us/picasso\\_page\\_index.php](http://www.picasso.fr/us/picasso_page_index.php)

#### #2) Pablo Picasso.org

<http://www.pablocicasso.org/>

#### #3) Pablo Picasso Museum

<http://www.museupicasso.bcn.cat/en/>

