



<u>Pablo Picasso</u> (1881-1973) was <u>a Spanish artist</u>, born in <u>Málaga</u> - the link depicts his birthplace, <u>Plaza de la Merced 15</u> (on the left) - who spent most of his working life in France. He had a very long birth name:

Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso

He also had a <u>very long</u> and <u>prolific career</u> (don't miss this <u>BBC video series</u> about his life) during which he developed different styles and techniques. His paintings made him wealthy - unlike, for example, <u>Vincent van Gogh</u> whose works only benefited future owners, not the artist himself.

Picasso spent some time in Perpignan (the site of an infamous prison). Among his best-known works are:

Portrait of Gertrude Stein (1906);

Portrait of Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler (1910);

Dora Maar au Chat (1941);

Garçon à la pipe - Boy with a Pipe (1905);

Three Musicians (1921);

Guernica (1937);

Chicago Picasso (a 50-foot-high Cubist sculpture); and

Baboon and Young (1951).

In 2010, an interesting story surfaced about a previously unknown <u>treasure trove of the artist's works</u>. Picasso's electrician, who also lived in the south of France, claimed that Pablo had paid for services (for the installation of security systems) with artwork - <u>valued at 60 million Euros!</u>

Picasso's works remain some of the most sought-after - and valuable - in the world.

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