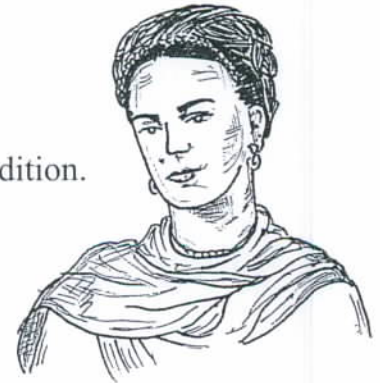


# Frida Kahlo

## Review Key Words<sup>6</sup>

- express** Express means to show or to put into words.
- heritage** Heritage is something that is inherited or passed down from earlier generations, like a value or tradition.
- outlet** An outlet is a way to let out energy or feelings.
- self-portraits** Self-portraits are drawings, paintings, sculptures, or photographs of the artist who made them.



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## Read the Story<sup>7-9</sup>

7 When Frida Kahlo was 18, a bus  
 14 crash changed her life. She broke her  
 21 leg, her back, and her **pelvis**. Frida's  
 27 **recovery** was slow. A **cast** covered  
 35 most of her body. For months, she had  
 45 to stay in bed. With little else to do, she  
 51 turned to painting. Using a mirror,  
 59 Frida painted the one thing she had easy  
 62 **access** to: herself.

62 Even after she could walk again,  
 68 Frida kept painting. Painting was an  
 74 **outlet** for her. It helped Frida **express**  
 81 her feelings.

83 Frida's body was in a lot of pain. In  
 92 all, she had over 30 **operations**. Still,  
 99 the pain did not go away. Many of her  
 108 **self-portraits** show this pain.

113 Some of Frida's paintings show  
 118 another kind of pain. Frida felt a lot of  
 127 **emotional** pain too. Because of the bus  
 134 crash, she was not able to have children.  
 142 It made her very sad.

147 While many of Frida's paintings  
 152 show pain, many also show strength and  
 159 **pride**. Frida was proud of her Mexican  
 166 **heritage**. She painted herself in  
 171 **traditional** Mexican dresses. She used  
 176 Mexican **symbols** and painted with  
 181 bright colors.

183 Frida's paintings **affected** many  
 187 people. Today, people remember her as  
 193 one of the greatest Mexican painters.  
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## Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. Frida Kahlo painted herself in traditional Mexican dresses.
  - b. Frida Kahlo had to wear a cast covering most of her body.
  - c. Frida Kahlo used painting as a way to express her pain.
2. Why did Frida start painting?
  - a. She wanted to be one of the greatest Mexican painters.
  - b. She was sad because she was unable to have children.
  - c. She did not have much to do while she was in bed.
3. What does the word **recovery** mean in this story?
  - a. a way of moving
  - b. a healing process
  - c. a bad injury
4. Why did Frida use Mexican symbols in her paintings?
  - a. She was a great painter.
  - b. She was proud of her Mexican heritage.
  - c. Painting was an outlet for her.
5. Why do people remember Frida as a great Mexican artist?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
6. Match each word with its definition.

1. pride	a. ___ hard bandage
2. cast	b. ___ ability to use something
3. access	c. ___ changed one's feelings
4. affected	d. ___ respect for yourself

Summarize the Story

## Parent Tips

Every teacher and every parent wishes that every child will learn to read and love to read. Paying attention to the skill of fluency can help us all achieve that wonderful goal. Help children read fluently, and they will be more apt to enjoy books and other print media. Fluent readers gain word and world knowledge from texts and websites. Ultimately, a natural byproduct of frequent and fluent reading is improved vocabulary and comprehension.

—Dr. Jan Hasbrouck