

TEXTO

CELEBRATING PICASSO

Pablo Picasso is probably the most important figure of the 20th century, in terms of art and art movements. Before the age of 50, this Spanish-born artist had become the most well-known name in modern art, with the most distinct style and eye for artistic creation. There had been no other artists, prior to Picasso, who had such an impact on the art world as he did.

The 8th of April 2023 marked the 50th anniversary since his death, and Madrid is set to host many of the activities featured in a programme put together by the French and Spanish governments to honour the occasion.

Organised with the support of renowned cultural institutions in Europe and the USA, Celebrating Picasso 1973-2023 features fifty exhibitions and events which together provide a historiographical analysis of the artist's work.

Pablo Picasso was born in Málaga, Spain, on the 25th of October 1881, and died in the French town of Mougins on the 8th of April 1973. One of the most famous painters in the history of Western art, his free, expressive, multifaceted artistic language continues to influence contemporary art and thinking.

Celebrating Picasso 1973-2023 seeks to showcase the career of the European artist who not only drew on his deep knowledge of heritage and the principles of tradition, but also on his understanding of classicism as an ethical value, in order to create iconic, internationally acclaimed works.

Picasso's free spirit, his eccentric style, and his complete disregard for what others thought of his work and creative style, made him a catalyst for artists to follow. Now known as the father of modern art, Picasso's originality touched every major artist and art movement that followed in his work. Even as of today, his life and works continue to invite countless scholarly interpretations and attract thousands of followers around the world.

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Cuestiones

CUESTIÓN 1ª (2 puntos).

Answer the questions below based on the text.

- 1.1. Why is Picasso one of the most important figures of the 20th century? (Paragraph 1).
- 1.2. When was Pablo Picasso's 50th death anniversary? (Paragraph 2).
- 1.3. What does Celebrating Picasso 1973-2023 present? (Paragraph 3).
- 1.4. Where was Picasso born? (Paragraph 4).
- 1.5. How can Picasso's style be described? (Paragraph 6).

CUESTIÓN 2ª (2 puntos).

Find synonyms in the text for the words below.

- 2.1. POSSIBLY (Adverb), (Paragraph 1) **PROBABLY**
- 2.2. CELEBRATE (Verb), (Paragraph 2) **HONOUR**
- 2.3. OFFER (Verb), (Paragraph 3) **PROVIDE**
- 2.4. ADMIRE (Adjective), (Paragraph 5) **ACCLAIMED**
- 2.5. FANS (Noun), (Paragraph 6) **FOLLOWERS**

CUESTIÓN 3ª (2 puntos).

Fill the gaps in 3a) and 3b).

3a) Complete the text with a suitable verb form:

BRYAN: **DID YOU SEE** (3.1) (you/see) Cynthia last night?

LAURA: No, I **HAVE JUST CAME** (3.2) (just/come) from the art gallery.

She **HAS BEEN** (3.3) (be) very ill in bed for the last three days.

BRYAN: I'm sorry to hear that. So that is why she **DID NOT GO** (3.4) (not/go) to the exhibition opening last night.

LAURA: I am very sorry too. If I **HAD KNOWN** (3.5) (know) she was that ill, I **WOULD HAVE PAID** (3.6) (pay) her a visit to offer my help.

3b) Complete the following sentences with one word:

- Pablo Picasso was a Spanish artist **WHO** (3.7) spent most of his adult life in France.
- Picasso lived in the region of Málaga **FROM** (3.8) his birth until the age of ten.
- Guernica is one of the most famous paintings **BY** (3.9) Picasso.
- The Louvre was the **MOST** (3.10) visited museum in the world in 2022, with 9.6 million visitors

CUESTIÓN 4ª (2 puntos).

Fill in the text with a suitable word from the box. There are two extra words:

Attraction	Best	Business	Considered	Cultural	Declared	Heart
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Located in the **HEART** (4.1) of Sierra de Guadarrama (on one side of Mount Abantos), just 50 kilometres from Madrid, San Lorenzo de El Escorial is one of the main towns for **CULTURAL** (4.2) tourism in the area. Its principal **ATTRACTION** (4.3) is the Monastery and Royal Residence of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, which was **DECLARED** (4.4) a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984.

With an area of 33,327 square metres, the Monastery of El Escorial, as it is widely known, is the monument that **BEST** (4.5) sums up the ideological and cultural aspirations of the Spanish Golden Age.

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CUESTIÓN 5ª (2 puntos).

Write a composition (90-110 words) talking about your taste in music. Do not forget to mention:

- How often you listen to music.
- What genres of music you like and dislike.
- Who your favourite musician, band or group is.
- How important music is in your life.

Music is a daily essential in my life, it makes my day better, and I find myself immersed in pop tunes regularly. While pop is my mainstay, I also explore other types of pop, like indie pop and electropop. Taylor Swift is my favorite singer because she writes great songs, and her music always sounds different and interesting. Music isn't just background noise; it helps lift my mood and keeps me grounded emotionally. Pop music is like a friend that is always there, making my days more fun and exciting.

