Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderón was born in Coyoacán, Mexico, on July 6, 1907. When she was 6 years old she had polio, which gave her a lifelong limp. In 1952, at 18 years old she was in a serious bus accident that almost killed her. She had many operations after the accident, with long and slow recoveries. Frida began to paint during those many periods when she had to stay in bed. Her paintings were mostly self portraits, with vivid colors and images that explored her beliefs, culture, identity and pain. Frida Kahlo suffered pain and poor health throughout her life. She died on July 13, 1954 in Coyoacán, Mexico. She remains a world renowned Mexican artist, activist, feminist and inspiration. "Frida Kahlo." Britannica Library, Encyclopædia Britannica, 8 Feb. 2020.library.eb.com/levels/youngadults/article/Frida-Kahlo/311942. Accessed 26 Jun. 2020.

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Self Portrait exercise: Try making a self portrait of your own. Look at a mirror to help you draw yourself and add elements to the picture to make a self portrait like Frida. Try adding your pet, flowers, plants, your favorite things. Use your imagination!

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