**PABLOPICASSO
The painter
HIS EARLY LIFE**
On 25 October, 1881, a baby boy was born in Málaga, Spain. It was a difficult birth and to help him breathe, cigar smoke was blown into his nose! This baby grew up to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters - PABLO PICASSO.
Picasso showed his genius from a
portraits was of the American writer
very young age. His first word was
Gertrude Stein, who he met after
lápiz (Spanish for pencil) and he
he'd moved to Paris in 1904.
could draw before he could talk. He
His work changed ideas about art
was the only son in the family, so he
around the world, and to millions
was thoroughly spoiled. He hated of people, modern art means the
school and often refused to go unless
work of Picasso. Guernica [below],
he was allowed to take one of his
which he painted in 1937, records
father's pet pigeons with him!
the bombing of that small Basque
Apart from pigeons, his great love
town during the Spanish Civil War,
was art. When in 1891 his father got
and is undoubtedly one of the
a job as an art teacher, Pablo went
masterpieces of modern painting.
with him to work and watched him paint. Sometimes he was allowed to
HIS FINAL YEARS
help. One evening, his father was
Picasso married twice and he had
painting a picture of their pigeons
four children. The last, Paloma, was
when he had to leave the room.
born in 1949 when he was 68 years
When he returned,
Pablo had
old. At the age of
90 he was
completed the picture. It was so honoured by an exhibition in the beautiful and lifelike that he gave
Louvre in Paris. He was the first
his son his palette and brushes and living artist to be shown there. never painted again. Pablo was just
Picasso created over 6,000 paintings,
thirteen.
drawings, and sculptures. Today, a
HIS LIFE AS AN ARTIST
Picasso costs millions of pounds.
Once, when the French Minister of
His genius as an artist was soon
Culture was visiting Picasso, the
recognized by many people, but artist accidentally spilled some others were shocked by his strange paint on the Minister's trousers. and powerful paintings.
He is
Picasso apologized and wanted to
probably best known for his Cubist
pay for them to be cleaned, but the
pictures.
His
portraits of people
Minister said, 'Non! Please, Monsieur
were often made up of triangles and
Picasso, just sign my trousers!'
squares with their features in the
Picasso died of heart failure during
wrong places. One of his most famous an attack of influenza in 1973.
ERNESTHEMINGWAY
The writer
HIS EARLY LIFE
ERNEST HEMINGWAY was one of the great American writers of the twentieth century. He was born on
21 July 1899, in Oak Park, Illinois, the second of six children. His family was strict and very religious.
His father taught his children a love of nature and the outdoor life.
Ernest caught his first fish at the age of three, and was given a shotgun for his twelfth birthday.
His mother taught him a love of music and art. At school, he was good at English and wrote for the school newspaper. He graduated in 1917, but he didn't go to college. He went to Kansas City and worked as a journalist for the Star newspaper.
He learned a lot, but left after only six months to go to war.
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HEMINGWAY AND WAR
Hemingway was fascinated by war.
He had wanted to become a soldier, but couldn't because he had poor eyesight. Instead, in the First World War, he became an ambulance driver and was sent to Italy, where he was wounded in 1918. After the war, he went to live in Paris, where he was encouraged in his work by the American writer Gertrude Stein.
In the 1930s, he became a war correspondent in the Spanish Civil War and World War II. Many of his books were about war. His most successful book, For Whom the Bell Tolls, was written in 1940 and is about the Spanish Civil War. Another novel, A Farewell to Arms, is about the futility of war.
HIS PERSONAL LIFE
Hemingway's success in writing was not mirrored by similar success in his personal life. He married four times. His first wife divorced him in
1927.