Frida Kahlo

Story 22, Tracks 6–9
Spanish, Track 10

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

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

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

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

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

Frida's paintings **affected** many people. Today, people remember her as 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 and pride.
- 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
	3. access	something
	4. affected	c changed one's
		feelings
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