Summer Assignment for Rising Juniors (both AbInitio and Spanish B)  -2 pages  -another page on Frida Kahlo.

What happened in Guernica, Spain in 1937?

Who was Francisco Franco?

What famous dictator was his ally?

The painter Pablo Picasso painted “Guernica” about what happened in Spain in the 1930s-

1. Why do you think that he chose to paint it in black white and gray?

      2.Describe in your own words what you see in the picture. (Notice that the teacher will be checking for how authentic you are.)

     3   How do others describe the painting differently  from you?

    4. What is the symbol of Spain in that painting?Explain your answer.

    5. Tell me some characteristics of Pablo Picasso’s work. (and the different periods)

   6. What does it mean to be a cubist?

  7 How do you perceive women differently from Picasso? See his painting of “Le Demoiselles d’Avignon”. Explain your answer.

  8.  Who commissioned the painting “Guernica”? Why did it stay outside of Spain during Picasso’s lifetime?  When did it return to Spain?

9. Pablo Picasso revealed to the world the hidden African Art in the Louvre Museum in Paris. Why do you think the Nazis, who occupied France under Hitler, wanted African Art to be hidden from the world? Explain your answer.

10. Why do you think that the Spanish artist Pablo Picasso is so important  to world art? Explain.

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I recommend that you watch the movie “Frida.”

When did Frida start working? Why did she have to?

Her father was not of original Mexican background, where was he from?

In 1925 something happened to her that affected the rest of her life. What was it?

What painters influenced her art the most?

Frida Kahlo married Diego Rivera. Who was he? How is he important in Mexican art and maybe her life?

During her stay in Detroit, Frida had a very prolific period. She also suffered a miscarriage. How did she deal with this loss? How did it become revolutionary to her paintings?  Explain.

Why does she often portray herself and her body with thorns and branches? Explain.

Frida Kahlo engaged in a number of relationships with both men and women. Was this typical of the 1920s-1930s?   Name two of the people other than her husband with whom she hooked up.

Why do you think she cut her hair and dressed like a man? She also depicted herself that way in some of the self portraits.