



*3 important people that
have influenced the French
culture*

Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso is considered one of the most important figure in 20th Century art.

He was born October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain; during his life he created about 22.000 works of art, not only paintings but also sculptures, ceramics, mosaics, stage design and graphic arts.

Picasso's work is categorized into periods, developed in different places.

He studied in Madrid and then in Barcelona, where he started to work when he was very young.

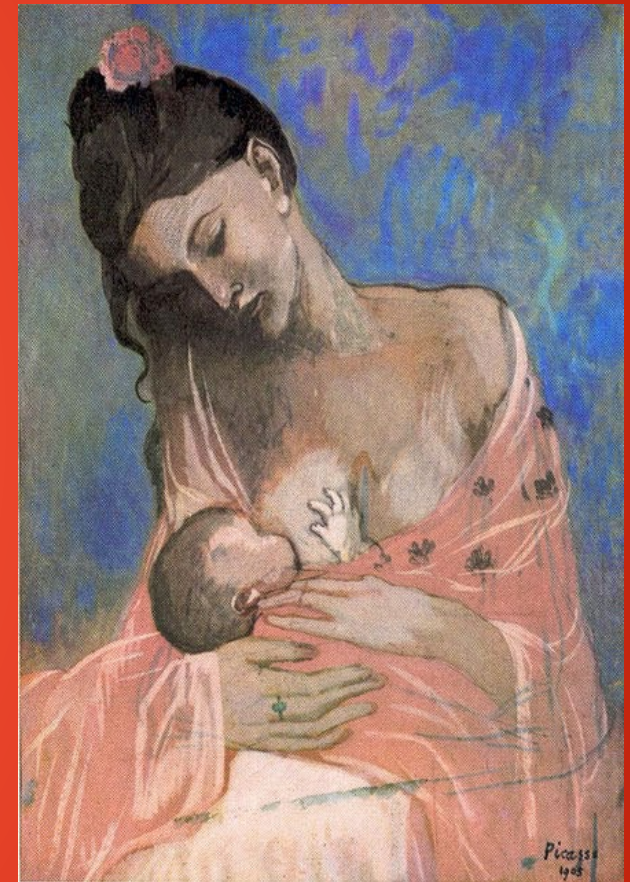
Then, at the beginning of the 20th century he moved to Paris.



Pablo Picasso, wearing the French beret

Some of the periods that characterized his work were: the “Blue period”, which began either in Spain in early 1901, or in Paris in the second half of the year, the “Pink period”, which was completely developed in Paris, and an African-influenced Period.

During these last two periods Picasso was strongly influenced by the French culture; in particular, for the “Pink period” he decided to represent circus people, acrobats and harlequins known in France as "saltimbanques".



*Pablo Picasso « Maternité » -
Pink period, 1909*

But Pablo Picasso is mostly known for being the “father of cubism” , in co-operation with the French painter George Braque.

Picasso wanted to develop a new way of seeing that reflected the modern age, and Cubism is how he achieved this goal.

He didn't think that art should copy nature; he felt no obligation to remain tied to the traditional artistic techniques of perspective, modeling, and foreshortening and felt two-dimensional object.

Picasso wanted to emphasize the difference between a painting and reality ; infact, Cubism involves different ways of seeing the world around us. Picasso believed in the concept of relativity and he thought that we can see an object from various angles, selected by sight and movement. As a result of this belief, Cubism became a way to see an object rather than what the artist was looking at.

Picasso died April 8th, 1973 in Mougins, France, at the age of 91.



Pablo Picasso « Bouteilles et verres » - Cubism, 1911-1912

Claude François

Claude François was a French singer, he was born on February the 1st, in 1939, in Ismaïlia, Egypt. He lived in a well-off family with his father Aimé, his mother Lucia, an Italian woman and his old sister Marie-Josée. During the WWII, their house was bombed and destroyed by the German so Claude and his sister had to go and live with their grandmother.

In 1956, Claude's family was expelled from their country because of the nationalisation by the president, Nasser. They arrived in Paris, they settled in Monaco and then to Nice where they lived in poverty, they had no beds and had to steal so they could eat.

In 1961, he decided to return to Paris with his wife Janet, in order to find opportunities to pursue his career. He finally made his dream come true when he recorded a single called "Le Nabout Twist". He released few successful songs in solo : "Comme d'habitude" in 1967 which has been translated in English by Paul Anka, "Le lundi au soleil" in 1972, "Cette année-là" in 1976, "Belles, belles, belles" in 1962. He worked with others famous artist at that time as Les Chaussettes Noires, Les Gams. He enjoyed a worldwide success since the beginning of his career.



He recorded two famous songs which are about his country of origin: “Alexandrie Alexandra” and “Aida”, in which there is Memphis, Egypt’s capital, Kheops, one of the famous pyramid and also Alexandrie’s port.

He created a foundation in order to help disabled children, he also created his own label company “ Disques Flèche “ and bought the magazine « Podium » as well as being a singer.

In 1968, Isabelle Forêt gave birth to his son Claude François junior, and one year after, they had a second child, Marc François. The press says that Claude had an affair with another woman who gave birth to his daughter, adopted when she was only a two month-year-old child.

Claude François died in 1978, the year he recorded “Alexandrie Alexandra”, in Paris. He got electrocuted while he was having a bath.



Photography of Claude François with Michael Jackson, another famous singer.

ZINEDINE ZIDANE



He is both French and Algerian .He was born on June, 23rd, 1942 (46 years old now),he's still alive.

He was a footballeur and now he's a coach in Madrid .

We have chosen him because he's a famous footballeur and he was champion of the world cup 1998 with his French team.



it's his family with his wife
Véronique and his sons
Enzo, Luca ,Théo et Elyaz.

It's a legend with his
head shot in the belly
of another player .



It's his jersey of the world cup.

Thank you for your attention !