Frida Kahlo Webquest

- This learning experience will have two parts. The WebQuest will get us looking and thinking about the art of Frida Kahlo. The second part of this lesson will be creating a self-portrait. You will need to draw yourself, a pet (or your dream pet), and a background that tells us about who you are.

- Go to the website: www.sraguti.weebly.com. Click on Spanish III, Unidad 3, & Frida WebQuest.

Paso #1: La vida de Frida Kahlo

Watch the PowerPoint about the life of Frida Kahlo.

Answer the following questions based on the PowerPoint.

A.	How old was Frida when she died?
B.	Why did she claim to be born in 1910?
C.	What are the 2 traumatic events that caused Frida great pain in her life?
D.	Why did Frida's father refer to her relationship with Diego Rivera as that of the "elephant and the dove"?

Paso #2: Frida Kahlo y Diego Rivera

Read through the articles about Diego and Frida. Determine whether each statement below refers to Frida or Diego.

Write Diego or Frida next to each statement.

A. _____ The artwork expresses personal and intimate feelings.

B. _____ The artwork is focused on ordinary life.

C. _____ Thought that art could educate people about Mexican history

D. _____ Created a piece of art for the Detroit Institute of Art

E. _____ Began to paint shortly after a traumatic accident

F. _____ Was born in 1886

G. _____ The artwork expressed a connection to the natural world.

H. _____ Used the earth, farmer, and the laborer as a subject in their artwork

I. _____ Is of German and Mexican heritage

Write a paragraph (en español o inglés) about what you have learned while reading this article.   You must fill up every line with your comments.

Paso #3: Las obras y el simbolismo de Frida Kahlo

You will now study 5 of Frida's paintings in more detail. Use the information given about the details in her art to help you determine how you will make your self-portrait. Move your cursor over the artwork to reveal various facts about the piece.

Write 3 interesting facts about each of the works of art on this page.

Self-Portrait with Monkey			
The Two Fridas			
Diego and I			
Borderline Portrait			
The Accident			

Paso #4: El arte más importante

Read about each of the 8 works of art.

Write down a fact you learn about Frida from each of the paintings.

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	

Paso #5: El simbolismo de los animales

Read through the descriptions of the different animals and choose 3 that have characteristics that could be used to represent you.

Fill out the chart below.

	cougar	powerful, swift	I am strong and athletic. I run very fast.
	ANIMAL	CHARACTERISTICS/SYMBOLISM	Why this animal can be used to symbolize me
1			
2			
3			

Paso #6: El simbolismo del fondo

The background in Frida's paintings often held special meaning.

What are 3 possible background choices you can use for your self-portrait. Remember, the background should help tell the story of who you are.

	Background Choice	How does this background choice help tell your story? What does it say about you?
1		
2		
3		

Paso #7: Tu autorretrato

Create a self-portrait using what you have learned during this WebQuest. Use color! This will be due on Friday. Your self-portrait must include the following:

- **a symbolic background(s)**

  Frida often used lush vegetation in the background of her portraits
  to represent her connectedness with nature.

- **a symbolic animal(s)**

  Choose an animal that can be used to symbolize you in some way.
  Frida used pets to represent her surrogate children
  or to symbolize characteristics like tenderness.

- **a personal feature**

  Frida often exaggerated her eyebrows and hair in her artwork.
  Her hair was a sign of her femininity.

Paso #8: Tu simbolismo

Write 3 paragraphs that explain the symbolism behind each of your choices (background, animal, and feature). How do these things represent you? What do they say about you and your life?

BACKGROUND
ANIMAL
PERSONAL FEATURE

Would you like to do another WebQuest in Spanish class this year?

_____ NO

_____ YES   Is there a specific topic you would like me to use for the WebQuest?

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