

Diego Rivera:

HIS WORLD AND OURS

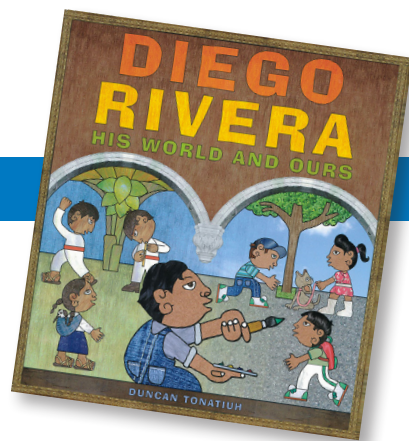
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Art, Social Activism, Mexican History

Book Brief: This book tells the story of Diego Rivera, one of the most famous painters of the 1900s. He painted the history and culture of Mexican people on murals across Mexico and throughout the world.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background knowledge:

A mural is a large picture painted on a wall. Are there any murals in your neighborhood or town? What do

murals show about a community?

While reading, make comparisons: What are the people in Diego's paintings doing? How are the people in his murals like you and your family?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did Diego paint his ancestors and their traditions?
- ◆ How did he teach people about Mexican history and culture?
- ◆ What would you paint if you were a muralist?
- ◆ How would you show your family and community life in your murals?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

CUBIST CUISINE

Ingredients: cheese, vegetables (cherry tomatoes, green peppers, carrots, etc.)

Cut the vegetables and cheese into slices and shapes. Use the vegetable and cheese shapes to make a design or "paint" a picture on your plate. Is it easy to "paint" with food? Is your delicious picture *cubism*?

CHALK IT UP

Materials: sidewalk chalk

Draw a mural on your sidewalk or driveway (make sure there are no cars around!). Use sidewalk chalk to draw pictures of your community or family's daily life. Your mural should include things that are important to your family or community.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Materials: paper, pencil, crayons or markers

The author tries to imagine what Diego would paint if he were around today. Imagine you were born 1886, the year Diego was born. Then one morning, you wake up...and it's 2014! Write a story or draw a comic strip about your first day in the future. What surprises you about the way people dress and act? Are you scared of cars? What do you think about these weird talking boxes called "cell phones"?

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Unleash your inner artist at www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

- Separate Is Never Equal* (2014)
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote (2013)
Dear Primo (2010)



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