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If you ask many people to name a twentieth-century artist, they will suggest "Picasso".

Although he was born in 1881 and died in 1973, the general public thinks of his work as modern art. His early paintings look traditional to us nowadays, but his later work is less easy to understand, seventy years after he did it. One thing students should know about Picasso is that he enjoyed a joke. This is clear when we look at the drawings he made on dishes and pots. When we try to understand the importance of Picasso, we must not forget that he was a clever businessman as well as a great artist. Although poor when young, he was excellent at selling his work and he became extremely rich. He believed he was a great artist, and he could convince other people that he was too.

Some people feel that there are other twentieth-century artists who should be famous, but this can only be decided in the future.