

## **Similarities and Differences C**

### **Diego Rivera**

Diego Rivera was born in 1886 in Mexico. He was an artist, and he is famous for his murals—which are large paintings on walls.

How did Diego become a muralist (a painter of large paintings)? When Diego was a young child, he began to paint. Then, he began to study painting when he was 21 years old. He studied painting in France, Spain, and Italy. He met many famous artists. Then, he returned to Mexico. In Mexico, the government believed that art could educate people. Big paintings could teach people ideas. So, Diego was hired to paint some large murals on walls that many people would see. The murals were so beautiful that they became famous. People far from Mexico saw pictures of them. Also, Diego got married. He married another famous artist, Frida Kahlo.

Why is he important? Diego created the most beautiful murals in Mexico. He helped us see that murals are an important type of art.

Diego was famous when he was alive, and he is even more famous now.