

Goya & Traditional Games



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Hello! My name is Francisco de **Goya** y Lucientes. I'm a genius of painting (at least that's what everyone says 😊). The truth is that I love painting and that's what I've done all my life.

Franc. Goya



I was born almost 300 years ago (in 1746) in a small Spanish village. It's called Fuendetodos and it's here



When I was a child I had a painting teacher. His name was Bayeu and he painted beautiful paintings like this one. Can you recognize this game?



He was a very important person in my life. When I grew up he introduced me to the King and I ended up working for him in Madrid.

Top secret: I married his sister □

The royal family had beautiful palaces and wanted to decorate them.



“El Escorial” Palace

“El Pardo” Palace



I was tasked with painting tapestries... well, not exactly. The tapestries are not painted, they are like very thin carpets hanging on the wall. Do you know how they're made?



Tapestry cartoon



Final tapestry

I was in charge of designing the drawings (called tapestry cartoons), which are the ones you can see in museums like El Prado.

In the place where I lived in Madrid there were always a lot of children playing.



They climbed trees, played with dogs, chased birds, and I painted them on my tapestry cartoons.



I put all my care and cheerfulness into my work,
specially when I painted kids playing.
Do you know how to play these games?



But I not only painted children.
Sometimes older people also like to play!



with a kite

with stilts



with a swing

This painting shows a game we used to play with a blanket and a big straw doll that you throw in the air. It is very fun!



Have you ever played blind man's buff? This painting shows how.

And they also liked to dance!



This game is called "pelota". Many people practice it in Spain, it is very popular!



I kept painting all my life,
and the games were
changing. They seemed a bit
"crazy" to me, although
perhaps it was because of
my advanced age.



I called this painting "crazy skates"

I hope you enjoyed my paintings. Now you can play all these games with your friends! And don't forget to visit my paintings in the museums, there're a lot of more!



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