

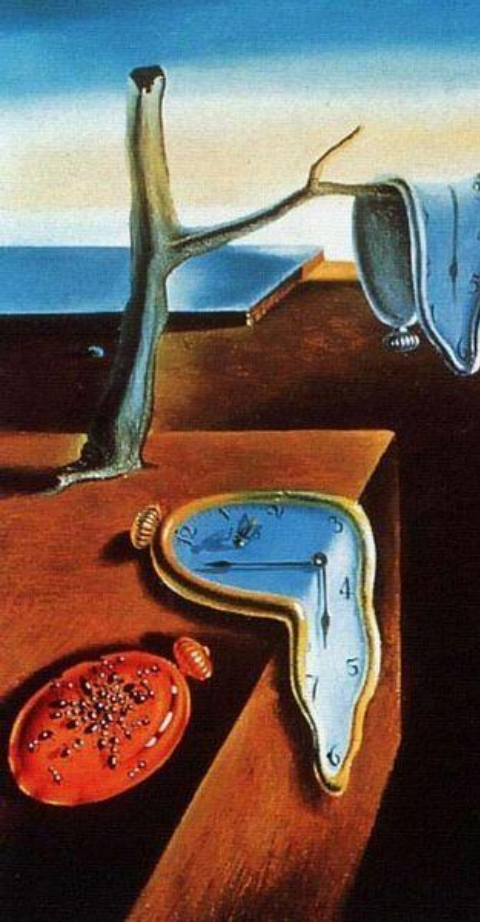
# Art

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A bird and a cat

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- Paul Klee was born on 18 December 1879 near Bern in Switzerland into the family of Hans Klee, a music teacher, and his wife Maria Frick, also a musician. As a boy Paul learned to play violin. As well as his training in music, he received a thorough classical education in the Literarschule in Bern. Ancient Greek, modern French, classic and contemporary French and German art, and literature were his favorites. Klee graduated from the school in 1898.
- Paul Klee was a Swiss-German artist known for the fine lines and playful geometry in his illustrations.


- He liked cats. And he had them a lot. His favorite cat was his white Bimbo.
- Time to time Klee drew cats in his pictures.





# A Cat and A Bird




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- Paul Klee wanted to find the “grammar of art” and believed it was based on dot, line, plane and space. He called these “elements” and said they must be found in every picture.
  - The character of the material, in this case pen and ink on paper, and the “elements” of line, dot, plane and space express the feelings of the artist.
  - Paul Klee was born near Bern, Switzerland. He studied in Germany and lived there until 1933. He left Germany and returned to Switzerland when the Nazis made life and freedom of expression difficult.
  - Four main elements in his art are dot, line, plane and space.



Here is the drawing.



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- One day he told a story to his students and drew a “line story” on the blackboard. Do the same now.
  - The line is born. It begins to move. After a moment it stops. It wants to breathe. Then it looks backwards to see how far we have come. It is not sure which way to go: it starts several paths, but returns. There is a river in front of us. We must cross it. So we take a boat; there is a bridge further up the river. We go across a ploughed field, and then through a thick forest...