

Picasso's Guernica





“It is modern art's most powerful
antiwar statement...” *PBS*

“In the picture I am painting —
which I shall call Guernica — I am
expressing my horror of the military
caste which is now plundering
Spain into an ocean of misery and
death.”

Picasso





Background

- 1937: Franco and the Fascist invited Hitler's Luftwaffe to practice bombing on a small Basque village as part of Spanish Civil War (1936-39)
- 1600 civilian casualties
- Painting created for Spanish Pavillion of the Paris Exposition
- After the fair, toured to raise consciousness against fascism
- Franco ruled Spain 1939-1975 when he died
- Guernica returned to Spain in 1981

“I’m not good at Art.”

Or “I’m not good at science,” or whatever.

No, I don't like work. I had rather laze about and think of all the fine things that can be done. I don't like work---no man does---but I like what is in the work---the chance to find yourself. Your own reality---for yourself, not for others---what no man can ever know. They can only see the mere show, and never can tell what it really means.

Heart of Darkness *Joseph Conrad*



...all good things—trout as well as eternal salvation—come by grace and grace comes by art and art does not come easy.

Norman Maclean

