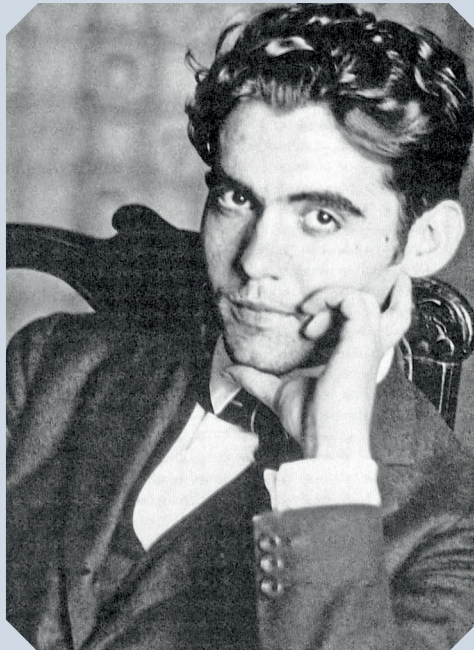


The Generation of '27

A magazine article

ANDALUSIAN POETS FROM THE GENERATION OF '27

The Generation of '27 was a group of Spanish poets that came together at the Ateneo of Seville in 1927 to talk about forms of poetry and art. They initially met to remember a famous poet called Luis de Góngora because he was their greatest **inspiration**. The members of the group were from all over Spain, but many of them came from Andalusia. Although each of them had their own style, they were very good friends and often worked together. They believed in balancing the intellectual and sentimental aspects of poetry and many of them formed part of the school of **surrealism** that was new in Europe.



They were all famous writers by 1936, but the **Civil War** changed everything for them. Most of them, like Emilio Prados, Manuel Altolaguirre, Rafael Alberti and Federico García Lorca, remained in Spain to form part of the Republican resistance. Lorca was **executed** in 1936, when he was 38 years old. After the war, many of them had to **flee** Spain for political reasons.

After their exile, several of the writers were awarded some of the most prestigious prizes

in the world for their contributions to literature. For example, Rafael Alberti was named *Hijo Predilecto de Andalucía* and won the Cervantes Prize in 1983.

KEY WORDS

inspiration (n) inspiración
surrealism (n) surrealismo
Civil War (n) Guerra Civil
executed (v) ejecutado
flee (v) huir de

1 YOUR WORLD Look at the title of the article and the photo. What do you know about the Generation of '27?

2 Read the article and complete the sentences.

- 1 The poets met in 1927 in (...).
- 2 (...) was one of their favourite poets.
- 3 They often worked with each other because they were (...).
- 4 Their style of writing was part of the school of (...).
- 5 Many of them had to (...) Spain after the Civil War.
- 6 Rafael Alberti won a very important (...) for literature.

3 Find the English for these words in the text.

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| 1 equilibrar (v) | 3 exilio (n) |
| 2 motivos políticos (n) | 4 premiados (con) (v) |

4 GO ONLINE Work in pairs. Find out this information about one of the writers mentioned in the article. Then make a fact file. Include pictures.

- place and date of birth
- studies
- style of writing and preferred topic(s)
- famous books/poems
- prizes
- cause and date of death