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El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos)

El Greco 1--------------- born in Hania, Crete in 1541. At that time Crete was part of the Republic of Venice.

As a young man he 2--------------------- Byzantine icon painting in Hania.

He 3 ------------------- to Venice in 1567 where he 4--------------------- to study painting. In 1570 he 5 ----------------------------to Rome. He 6 --------------------and worked in Rome until 1577.

In 1577 he moved to Spain in Toledo, near Madrid where he lived and 7 ---------------------until the end of his life. He 8 ------------------------ in 1614 at the age of 73.

El Greco 9 -------------------------- a very individual style. His paintings show both Byzantine and Italian styles. They also show strong Catholic religious elements from Spain.

He is one of the most famous painters of the 16th century. His paintings10---------------------many famous artists after him, for example Picasso and Cézanne.