Marc Chagall, and his paintings. Marc Chagall was born Moishe/Marc Shagal in Liozne, near Vitebsk, in modern day Belarus, in 1887. He was a Russian-French-Jewish artist of international repute who, arguably, was one of the most influential modernist artists of the 20th Century, both as an early modernist, and as an important part of the Jewish artistic tradition. Chagall's poetic, figurative style and iconic imagery made him one of the most popular modern artists. Marc Chagall. French-Russian Draftsman, Painter, and Printmaker. Movements and Styles: Expressionism, Cubism. Born: July 7, 1887 - Vitebsk, Russian Empire (present day Belarus). Died: March 28, 1985 - Saint-Paul, France. Table of contents. > Synopsis > Key Ideas > Most Important Art > Biography & Legacy Influences and Connections Resources.