

400th anniversary of Rembrandt's birth

Rembrandt van Rijn, the greatest painter of the Dutch golden age, was born 400 years ago this month. In a prolific career Rembrandt produced over 600 paintings, 300 etchings, and 2,000 drawings, including over 80 self-portraits, but his personal life was blighted by tragedy



1606 Born July 15 in **Leiden**, ninth of 10 children of a miller and his wife

1620 Enrolled at **University of Leiden** but never begins studies

1620-23 Apprenticed to painter **Jacob van Swanenburgh**

1625-26 Studies for six months with **Pieter Lastman** in Amsterdam before setting up studio in Leiden

1628 Work admired by royal court – important commissions follow

1632 Moves to Amsterdam house of art dealer **Hendrick Uylenburgh**. Paints first group portrait, **Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp**

1634 Marries Hendrick's niece, **Saskia van Uylenburgh**

1639 Buys house in Amsterdam for vast sum of 13,000 guilders

1641 Son **Titus** born – three earlier babies all died in infancy

1642 Completes **The Night Watch** (detail, right). Saskia dies

1654 Rembrandt's mistress **Hendrickje Stoffels** gives birth to his daughter, **Cornelia**



1656 Rembrandt declared bankrupt

1663 Hendrickje dies from plague

1666 Rembrandt paints **The Jewish Bride** (left)

1668 Titus dies from plague

1669 Rembrandt dies October 4, and is buried in obscure rented grave