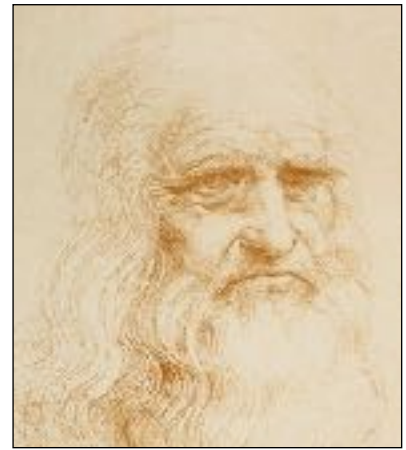


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# Leonardo Da Vinci

## An artist, a Scientist and an Inventor

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Leonardo da Vinci was an artist, scientist, and inventor during the Italian Renaissance. The term Renaissance Man was coined from Leonardo's many talents and is today used to describe people who resemble da Vinci.

Leonardo was born in the town of Vinci, Italy on April 15, 1452. About the age of 14 he became an apprentice to a famous artist named Verrocchio. He learned about art, drawing, painting and more.

Leonardo's drawings are quite extraordinary. Some of his drawings were previews paintings, some were studies of anatomy, some were closer to scientific sketches. One famous drawing is the Vitruvian Man drawing. It is a picture of man who has perfect proportions (inspired by the Roman architect Vitruvius). He draws a design for a flying machine and a self portrait. His work as a scientist and an inventor makes him a true Renaissance man. He applies the scientific method to every aspect of life, including art and music. Leonardo also conducted a lot of scientific experiments and created futuristic inventions.

Questions:

- A. Which is the Da Vinci's most famous painting and in which museum is exhibited? (2p)
- B. The flying machine of Leonardo is inspired by the flight of a bird. Which? (2p)
- C. What is represented on the painting "The Last Supper" and where is it located? (2p)

