



What should I already know?

- A portrait is an image of a person.
- Mediaeval Art often showed religious scenes.
- A collage is made by gluing layers to make an image.
- Abstract Art tries to show things that you can't see.

About the artist

- The Renaissance painter, sculptor, architect and scientist Leonardo da Vinci was born in Florence (now part of modern Italy) in 1452.
- At age fourteen he became an apprentice to the artist Andrea del Verrocchio and learned painting and sculpture.
- He worked for the Duke of Milan for nearly 20 years—painting pictures, playing music and organising court entertainment for him.
- His most famous paintings are The Mona Lisa and The Last Supper.
- He is often thought of as the greatest artist of all time.





The Last Supper, c.1495

The Mona Lisa, c.1503



Key Vocabulary and definitions

| Renaissance Art | The style of European art that developed in the 15th and 16th centuries that tried to build on ideas from studying Ancient Greece and Rome. |
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| Humanism | The study of Ancient Greek and Roman literature, art, history, poetry, and philosophy. |
| Mona Lisa | The most famous painting in the world—possibly a portrait of Lisa del Giocondo. |
| oil paint | Paint mixed with oil so that it can have richer colours and be painted in different layers. |
| mural | A painting painted directly onto a wall. |
| mixed-media | Artwork created with more than one media: e.g. paint, pastel and cloth. |
| background | The setting in a picture. |
| foreground | The part of a picture that is nearest to the front. |
| layering | Putting layers of paint, paper or any material on top of another layer to create an image. |
| digital artwork | Art created using a computer. |



