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Renaissance Inventor

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- Leonardo da Vinci was an artist, scientist and inventor who lived in Italy. He was born in 1452 and died in 1519.
- This time period in Europe is known as the Renaissance. It was a time when many advances were made in education, science, art, literature and music.

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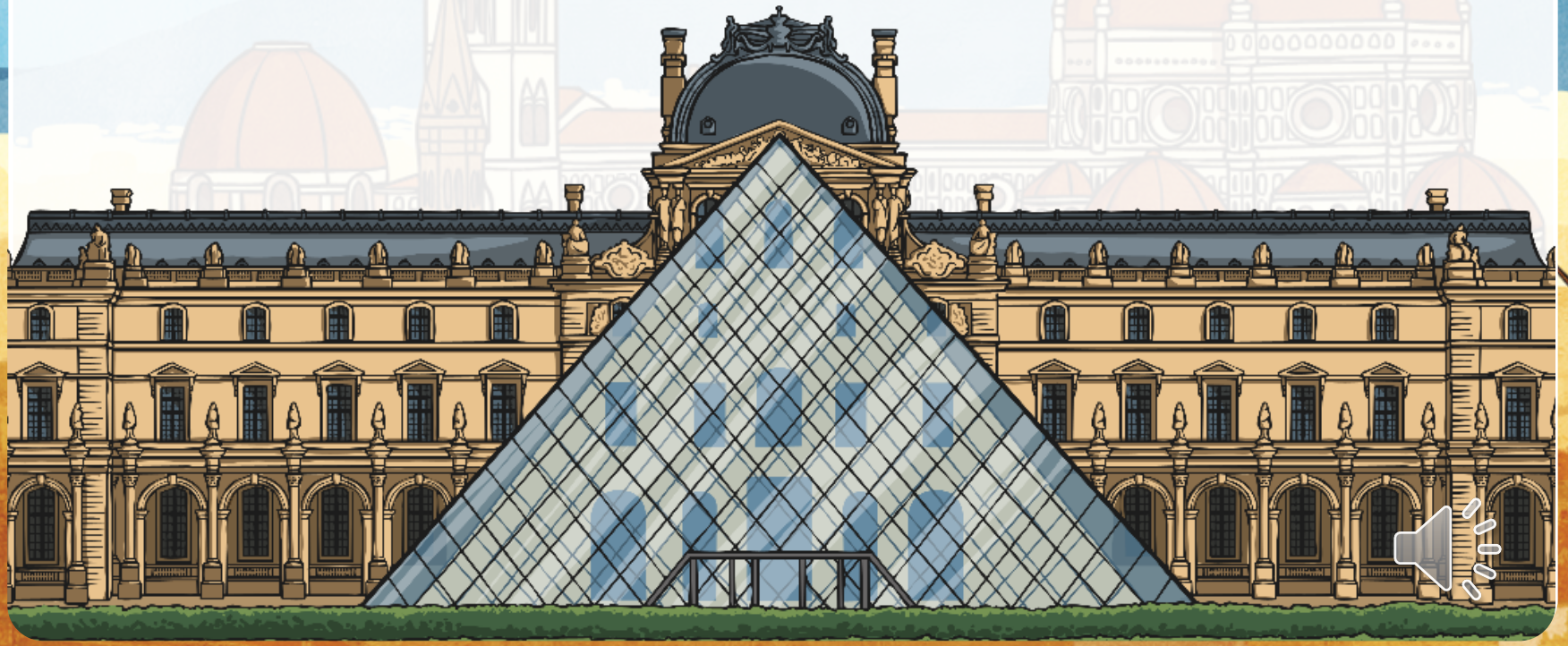
A Renaissance man

Da Vinci is sometimes called a 'Renaissance Man'. This is because he was a master of many different areas. He was an expert painter, sculptor, architect, engineer, scientist, inventor and writer!

Leonardo da Vinci is considered by many people to be one of the most intelligent people of all time.



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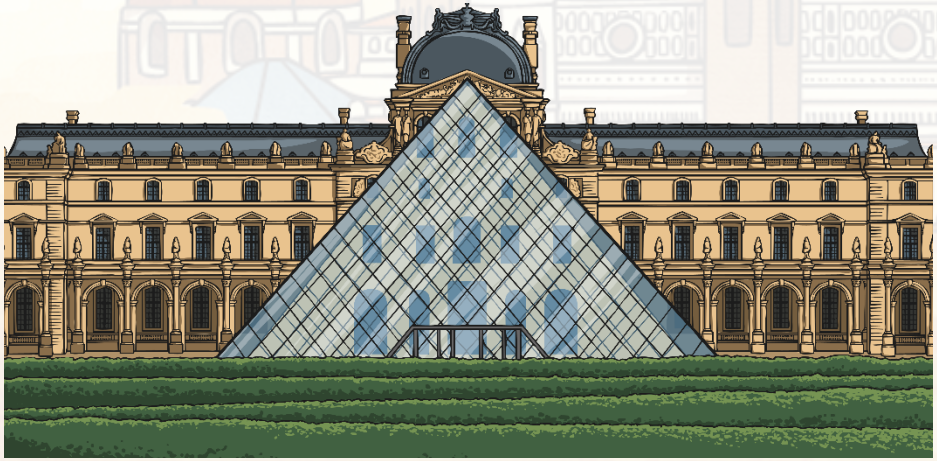
Leonardo da Vinci's work

The Mona Lisa may be da Vinci's most famous painting. It is on display in the Louvre Museum in France. Some consider it to be the best known and most visited work of art in the world.



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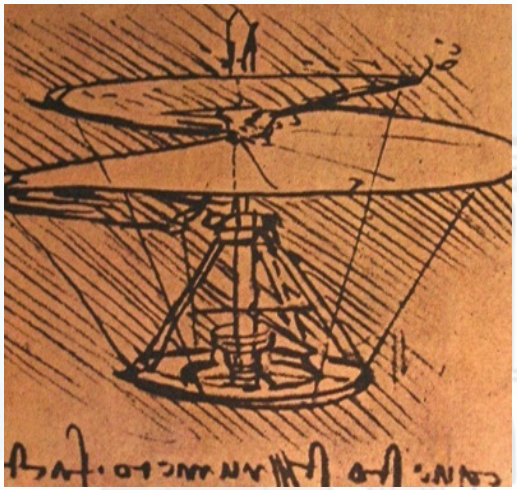

Da Vinci is also famous for his sketches of his inventions. This sketch is of his 'Helical Air Screw', which was a flying machine. It was designed to work in a similar way to modern-day helicopters.

Da Vinci sketched many other designs for inventions, including a diving suit, a machine gun and an armoured chariot.

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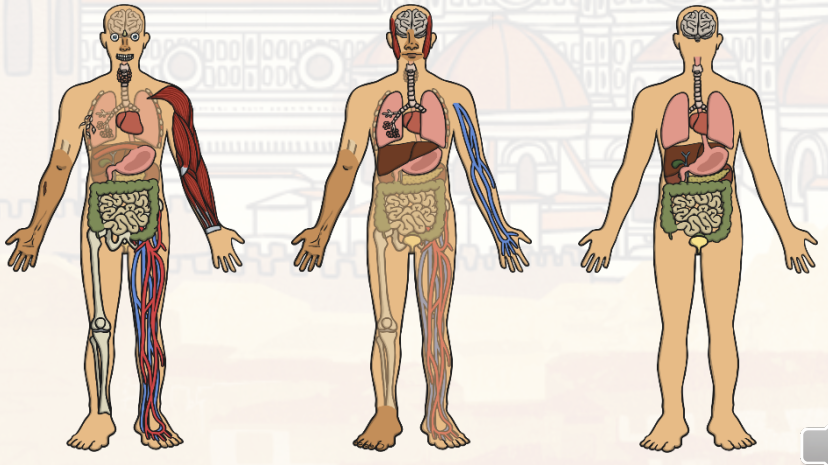
Leonardo da Vinci's works

Anatomy, or the structure of the human body, was another of da Vinci's interests. He wanted to understand how the human body worked, and made thousands of pages of notes and sketches. Scientists today recognise that da Vinci's work was hundreds of years ahead of its time.



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The Last Supper

This fresco called 'The Last Supper' was painted by Leonardo da Vinci in Italy. It is believed that it took over three years for it to be completed. The fresco measures over 8 metres wide and over 4 metres high.

Jesus is the focal point of the painting, sitting in the middle.

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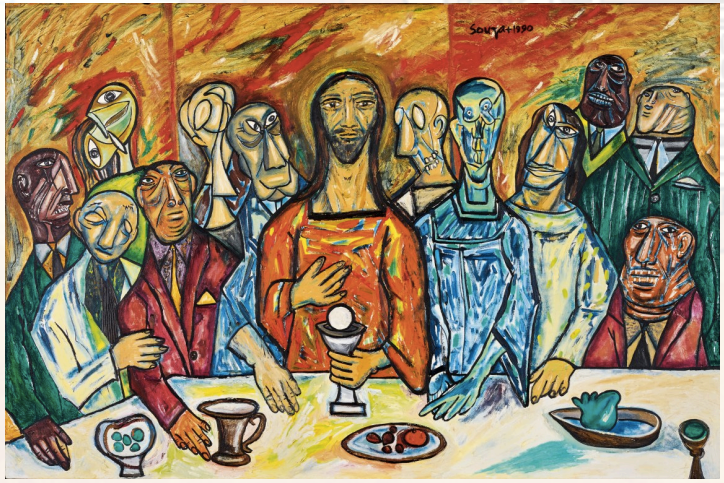
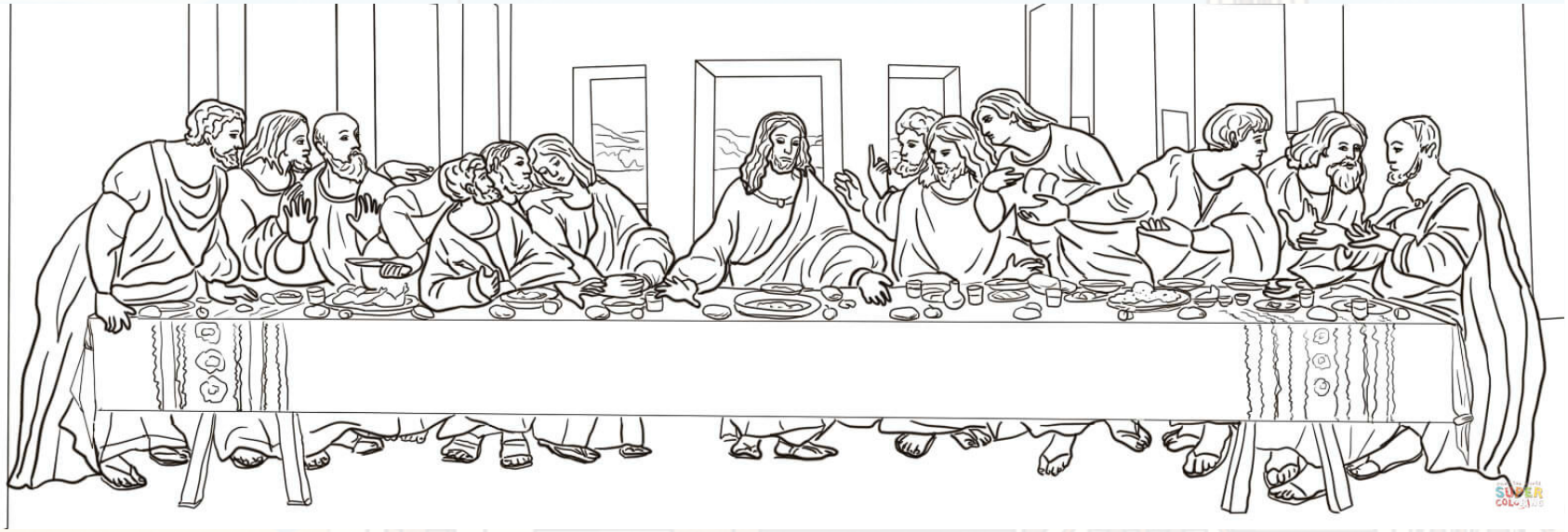
Today's Task

Create your own version of the Last Supper.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