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Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci (15 April 1452 – 2 May 1519) was an Italian polymath of the High  
Renaissance who was active as a painter, draughtsman, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor, and  
architect. While his fame initially rested on his achievements as a painter, he has also become known  
for his notebooks, in which he made drawings and notes on a variety of subjects, including anatomy,  
astronomy, botany, cartography, painting, and palaeontology. Leon