

Reading Passage: The Story of Leonardo da Vinci (Biography 3)

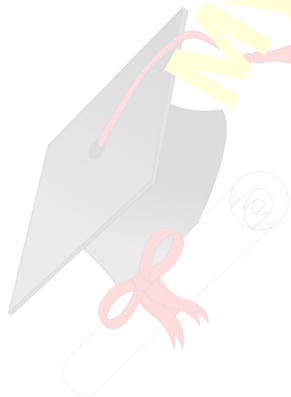
Leonardo da Vinci was a very famous artist and inventor who lived long ago in Italy. He was born in 1452 in a town called Vinci. Leonardo loved to draw and paint from a young age. He was very curious and liked to learn about many different things.

Leonardo became famous for his beautiful paintings, such as the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. His paintings were full of detail and looked very real. People from all over the world came to see his artwork.

But Leonardo was not just a painter. He was also a scientist and inventor. He loved to study how things worked and came up with many ideas for machines. He drew plans for flying machines, submarines, and even robots! Although he didn't build many of these machines, his ideas were very clever and ahead of his time.

Leonardo da Vinci also loved nature. He studied plants, animals, and even the human body. He drew detailed sketches of what he saw and learned. His drawings helped scientists understand more about the world around them.

Leonardo da Vinci was a genius because he was good at so many things. He was an artist, scientist, inventor, and thinker. He never stopped learning and exploring new ideas. Even though he lived a long time ago, people still admire and study his work today.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Leonardo da Vinci born? a) France b) Italy c) Spain d) England
2. What was Leonardo famous for? a) Writing books b) Playing music c) Painting and drawing d) Acting in movies
3. Which famous painting did Leonardo create? a) The Starry Night b) The Sistine Chapel c) The Last Supper d) The Persistence of Memory
4. What else besides painting did Leonardo da Vinci do? a) He wrote poetry b) He played sports c) He was a scientist and inventor d) He worked in a bakery
5. What did Leonardo draw plans for? a) Cars and bicycles b) Flying machines, submarines, and robots c) Bridges and tunnels d) Houses and castles
6. What did Leonardo love to study? a) Outer space b) Nature, including plants, animals, and the human body c) Ancient civilizations d) Computers
7. Why are Leonardo's ideas considered clever? a) Because he built all of his inventions b) Because he was very rich c) Because his ideas were ahead of his time d) Because he worked with a lot of people
8. What do scientists learn from Leonardo's sketches? a) How to paint better b) How machines work c) More about nature and the world d) How to fly airplanes
9. Why was Leonardo da Vinci considered a genius? a) Because he was a great singer b) Because he was good at so many things: art, science, invention, and more c) Because he was very tall d) Because he liked to sleep a lot
10. Why do people still admire Leonardo da Vinci today? a) Because he was a famous actor b) Because he painted the Mona Lisa c) Because he invented the computer d) Because he could fly

Answers and Explanations

1. **b) Italy**

- Explanation: Leonardo da Vinci was born in Italy, in a town called Vinci.

2. **c) Painting and drawing**

- Explanation: Leonardo da Vinci was famous for his paintings and drawings, such as the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper.

3. **c) The Last Supper**

- Explanation: Leonardo da Vinci created the famous painting called The Last Supper.

4. **c) He was a scientist and inventor**

- Explanation: Besides painting, Leonardo da Vinci was also a scientist and inventor.

5. **b) Flying machines, submarines, and robots**

- Explanation: Leonardo drew plans for flying machines, submarines, and robots among other inventions.

6. **b) Nature, including plants, animals, and the human body**

- Explanation: Leonardo loved to study and draw detailed sketches of nature, including plants, animals, and the human body.

7. **c) Because his ideas were ahead of his time**

- Explanation: Leonardo's ideas are considered clever because many of his inventions were ahead of his time and showed great understanding of engineering and mechanics.

8. **c) More about nature and the world**

- Explanation: Scientists learn more about nature and the world from Leonardo's sketches, which provide detailed observations of various subjects.

9. **b) Because he was good at so many things: art, science, invention, and more**

- Explanation: Leonardo da Vinci was considered a genius because he excelled in many fields, including art, science, invention, and engineering.

10. **b) Because he painted the Mona Lisa**

- Explanation: People still admire Leonardo da Vinci today because he created iconic artworks like the Mona Lisa, and his contributions to science and invention were groundbreaking for his time.