

Exploring Renaissance Art

Renaissance Art · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which famous Italian Renaissance artist painted the Mona Lisa and sculpted David?

- A) Raphael
- B) Donatello
- C) Leonardo da Vinci**
- D) Michelangelo

2. What new painting technique, meaning 'to paint as if on smoke,' allowed Renaissance artists to create soft, hazy effects and blend colors smoothly?

- A) Fresco
- B) Tempera
- C) Sfumato**
- D) Chiaroscuro

3. The Sistine Chapel ceiling in the Vatican City is famous for its incredible frescoes. Who was the primary artist responsible for painting it?

- A) Leonardo da Vinci
- B) Michelangelo**
- C) Raphael
- D) Titian

4. Which Renaissance artist is known for his 'School of Athens' fresco, which depicts famous philosophers?

- A) Botticelli
- B) Donatello
- C) Titian
- D) Raphael**

5. What material was commonly used for sculptures during the Renaissance, often seen in works by Michelangelo?

- A) Bronze
- B) Wood
- C) Marble**
- D) Terracotta

6. The 'Birth of Venus' is a very famous Renaissance painting. Who painted it?

- A) Leonardo da Vinci
- B) Botticelli**
- C) Raphael
- D) Michelangelo

7. What does the term 'Renaissance' mean?

- A) New Beginnings
- B) Rebirth**
- C) Golden Age
- D) Artistic Revolution

8. Which Renaissance artist created the bronze statue of David, a famous early example of free-standing sculpture?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Donatello**
- D) Raphael

9. Renaissance artists became very interested in showing realistic human bodies. This focus is called:

- A) Abstraction
- B) Idealism
- C) Humanism**
- D) Symbolism

10. What city in Italy is often considered the birthplace of the Renaissance and a major center for its art?

- A) Rome
- B) Venice
- C) Florence**
- D) Milan

11. The technique of 'linear perspective' was developed during the Renaissance. What does it help artists achieve in their paintings?

- A) Brighter colors
- B) Deeper shadows
- C) A sense of depth and realism**
- D) More detailed portraits

12. Which artist is known for his vibrant use of color and was a leading painter of the Venetian school during the High Renaissance?

- A) Raphael
- B) Titian**
- C) Masaccio
- D) Giotto

13. What type of painting is done on wet plaster, a technique commonly used for large murals in churches during the Renaissance?

- A) Oil painting
- B) Watercolor
- C) Fresco**
- D) Encaustic

14. The Renaissance period saw a renewed interest in the art and culture of which ancient civilizations?

- A) Egyptian and Persian
- B) Greek and Roman**
- C) Chinese and Indian
- D) Mayan and Aztec

15. Who painted 'The Last Supper,' a famous mural in Milan?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Raphael
- C) Donatello
- D) Leonardo da Vinci**

16. What tool or medium did Renaissance artists often use to sketch out their ideas before painting or sculpting?

- A) Digital tablet
- B) Charcoal or chalk**
- C) Camera
- D) Collage

17. Which Renaissance artist created the famous statue of 'David' which is made of marble and stands in Florence?

- A) Donatello
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Michelangelo**
- D) Bernini

18. The concept of the 'Renaissance Man' refers to someone skilled in many different areas, like Leonardo da Vinci. What were some of his other talents besides painting?

- A) Music and writing
- B) Science and invention**
- C) Politics and law
- D) Cooking and farming

19. What artistic principle did Renaissance painters strive to achieve, creating a sense of three-dimensionality on a flat surface?

- A) Symmetry
- B) Balance
- C) Realism**
- D) Abstraction

20. Which of these paintings is NOT a famous work from the Renaissance period?

- A) Mona Lisa
- B) Starry Night**
- C) The Last Supper
- D) The Birth of Venus