

Renaissance Art Essentials

Renaissance Art · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which artist is credited with painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

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

2. The technique of 'sfumato', characterized by soft, hazy transitions between colors and tones, is most famously associated with which Renaissance artist?

- A) Sandro Botticelli
- B) Leonardo da Vinci**
- C) Titian
- D) Caravaggio

3. Which sculpture, completed by Michelangelo, depicts the biblical hero David?

- A) The Pieta
- B) David**
- C) Moses
- D) The Last Judgment

4. The 'School of Athens' fresco, depicting a gathering of famous philosophers, is a masterpiece by which High Renaissance artist?

- A) Leonardo da Vinci
- B) Michelangelo
- C) Raphael**
- D) Andrea del Sarto

5. Which wealthy Florentine family were significant patrons of the arts during the Renaissance, supporting artists like Michelangelo and Botticelli?

- A) The Sforza
- B) The Medici**
- C) The Borgia
- D) The Este

6. Which painting, considered one of the most famous in the world, is attributed to Leonardo da Vinci and is housed in the Louvre Museum?

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

7. Donatello was a pioneering sculptor of the Early Renaissance. Which of these is one of his notable works?

- A) The David (bronze)**
- B) The David (marble)
- C) The Pieta
- D) The Descent from the Cross

8. The Renaissance saw a renewed interest in classical antiquity. Which ancient civilization's art and architecture heavily influenced Renaissance artists and architects?

- A) Egyptian
- B) Mesopotamian
- C) Greek and Roman**
- D) Persian

9. Which Florentine architect is renowned for designing the dome of the Florence Cathedral (Duomo)?

- A) Leon Battista Alberti
- B) Filippo Brunelleschi**
- C) Andrea Palladio
- D) Giacomo della Porta

10. The painting 'The Birth of Venus' is a famous work by which Early Renaissance artist?

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

11. Which Renaissance technique, using strong contrasts between light and dark, was notably developed by Leonardo da Vinci and later mastered by artists like Caravaggio?

- A) Chiaroscuro**
- B) Sfumato
- C) Foreshortening
- D) Linear Perspective

12. Which Venetian painter is known for his rich colors and mastery of oil painting, with works like 'Assumption of the Virgin' and 'Venus of Urbino'?

- A) Giorgione
- B) Tintoretto
- C) Veronese
- D) Titian**

13. What significant artistic and intellectual movement inspired the Renaissance?

- A) Gothic Revival
- B) Baroque
- C) Neoclassicism

D) Humanism

14. Which artist painted 'The Last Supper', a large mural in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Raphael

C) Leonardo da Vinci

- D) Andrea Mantegna

15. The development of linear perspective, a system for creating the illusion of depth on a flat surface, is a key characteristic of Renaissance art. Who is often credited with its mathematical formulation?

- A) Donatello
- B) Masaccio

C) Filippo Brunelleschi

- D) Piero della Francesca

16. Which Dutch painter, though working slightly later, is often associated with the Northern Renaissance and is famous for his portraits and religious scenes, including 'The Garden of Earthly Delights'?

- A) Jan van Eyck
- B) Albrecht Dürer

C) Hieronymus Bosch

- D) Pieter Bruegel the Elder

17. What Renaissance architectural innovation allowed for the construction of large, unsupported spans and was seen in structures like the Pantheon (though ancient, it was influential)?

- A) Flying Buttresses
- B) Vaulting

C) The Dome

- D) Arches

18. Which prominent High Renaissance artist created the fresco 'The Transfiguration' and is celebrated for his Madonnas and idealized beauty?

A) Leonardo da Vinci

B) Michelangelo

C) Raphael

D) Titian