

Renaissance and Baroque Art History

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1. Which Italian city is widely considered the birthplace of the Renaissance?

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

2. The artist Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa during which historical period?

- A) Baroque
- B) Mannerism
- C) High Renaissance**
- D) Gothic

3. Which of the following is a defining characteristic of Baroque art, often contrasting with Renaissance idealism?

- A) Emphasis on clear, rational forms
- B) Restrained emotional expression
- C) Dramatic use of light and shadow (chiaroscuro)**
- D) Focus on linear perspective and balanced composition

4. Michelangelo's famous fresco 'The Last Supper' is located in which city?

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

5. The artist Caravaggio, a prominent figure of the Baroque period, is known for his innovative use of:

- A) Sfumato
- B) Tenebrism**
- C) Pointillism
- D) Champlévé

6. The Sistine Chapel ceiling, painted by Michelangelo, depicts scenes from which biblical book?

- A) The Gospels
- B) Exodus
- C) Genesis**
- D) Psalms

7. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) significantly influenced the direction of art during the Counter-Reformation, advocating for:

- A) Increased abstraction and symbolism
- B) Art that was clear, persuasive, and emotionally engaging**
- C) A return to purely classical forms
- D) The rejection of religious imagery

8. Which Dutch artist, a contemporary of Rembrandt, is celebrated for his meticulous depiction of domestic interiors and light, as seen in 'Girl with a Pearl Earring'?

- A) Jan van Eyck
- B) Albrecht Dürer
- C) Johannes Vermeer**
- D) Hieronymus Bosch

9. The Palace of Versailles, a prime example of French Baroque architecture and art, was primarily commissioned by which monarch?

- A) Louis XIII
- B) Louis XIV**
- C) Louis XV
- D) Louis XVI

10. The Renaissance saw a renewed interest in the art and philosophy of which ancient civilizations?

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