

Introduction to Renaissance Art

Art History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

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

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

2. What is the name of the technique used to create a realistic sense of depth on a flat surface?

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

3. Who painted the famous mural 'The Last Supper'?

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

4. Which Renaissance artist is best known for sculpting the statue of David?

- A) Sandro Botticelli
- B) Titian
- C) Michelangelo**
- D) Giotto

5. What does the term 'Renaissance' literally translate to in English?

- A) New Beginning
- B) Rebirth**
- C) Enlightenment
- D) Awakening

6. Which family was the most influential patron of the arts in Florence during the Renaissance?

- A) The Borgias
- B) The Sforzas
- C) The Medicis**
- D) The Hapsburgs

7. What art technique involves the use of strong contrasts between light and dark to model three-dimensional forms?

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

8. Which famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci is known for its subject's enigmatic expression?

- A) The Birth of Venus
- B) Mona Lisa**
- C) Primavera
- D) School of Athens

9. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

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

10. The Renaissance period generally spans which centuries?

- A) 10th-12th
- B) 14th-17th**
- C) 18th-19th
- D) 5th-8th

11. Which painting technique involves painting directly onto wet plaster?

- A) Oil on canvas
- B) Fresco**
- C) Mosaic
- D) Encaustic

12. What intellectual movement focused on human potential and achievements, deeply influencing Renaissance art?

- A) Humanism**
- B) Scholasticism
- C) Feudalism
- D) Romanticism

13. Which Renaissance artist is famous for his works portraying the 'School of Athens'?

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

14. The 'Birth of Venus' is a famous painting created by which artist?

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

15. Which medium became increasingly popular during the Northern Renaissance, allowing for more detail than tempera?

- A) Acrylic paint
- B) Oil paint**
- C) Watercolour
- D) Spray paint

16. Who is often credited with 'inventing' or formalizing linear perspective in art?

- A) Filippo Brunelleschi**
- B) Donatello
- C) Giotto
- D) Fra Angelico

17. Which city served as a major center for the Venetian School of art, known for its use of color?

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

18. Which artist is credited with creating the bronze doors for the Florence Baptistery, known as the 'Gates of Paradise'?

- A) Ghiberti**
- B) Brunelleschi
- C) Donatello
- D) Masaccio