

Renaissance Art in Western Europe

Art History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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

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

2. Who painted the iconic 'Mona Lisa'?

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

3. The Sistine Chapel ceiling was famously painted by which artist?

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

4. Which Renaissance artist is known for his sculptures like 'David' and 'Pietà'?

- A) Donatello
- B) Verrocchio
- C) Michelangelo**
- D) Ghiberti

5. The technique of creating a realistic sense of depth on a flat surface is known as:

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

6. Which Renaissance painting depicts a gathering of philosophers and scholars, including Plato and Aristotle?

- A) The Last Supper
- B) The Birth of Venus
- C) The School of Athens**
- D) Primavera

7. Who was a prominent artist of the Venetian School known for his use of color and light?

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

8. The Renaissance period is generally considered to have begun in which century?

- A) 12th century
- B) 14th century**
- C) 16th century
- D) 18th century

9. Which painting by Leonardo da Vinci is known for its use of the sfumato technique?

- A) The Last Supper
- B) Mona Lisa**
- C) Lady with an Ermine
- D) Virgin of the Rocks

10. Which artist painted 'The Birth of Venus'?

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

11. The artistic movement that followed the Renaissance, characterized by exaggerated emotion and dramatic effects, is called:

- A) Gothic
- B) Baroque**
- C) Impressionism
- D) Romanticism

12. Which Renaissance artist is renowned for his frescoes in the Vatican's papal apartments, including 'The School of Athens'?

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

13. What does the term 'Renaissance' literally mean?

- A) Rebirth**
- B) Revolution
- C) Restoration
- D) Revival

14. Which Northern European Renaissance artist is famous for his detailed oil paintings and prints, such as 'Melencolia I'?

- A) Jan van Eyck
- B) Albrecht Dürer**
- C) Hieronymus Bosch
- D) Pieter Bruegel the Elder

15. The technique of using strong contrasts between light and dark, as seen in paintings by Caravaggio (though he's technically Baroque, his roots are Renaissance influenced), is called:

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