

# LEONARDO DA VINCI

## Learning Objective:

To understand who Leonardo da Vinci was and what he was famous for during the Renaissance.



Have you heard these words before?

Renaissance?



Leonardo  
da Vinci?

# The Renaissance

The Renaissance was a period in history from the 14th century to the 17th century. It started in Italy and at first it affected major cities such as Florence, Rome and Milan.

The Renaissance was known as the “rebirth” – the birth of the modern world, a change from old to new. During this time artists and scholars experimented with new ideas, techniques and mediums to produce fresh and exciting pieces of work.

Do you  
know who  
became famous  
during this  
time?

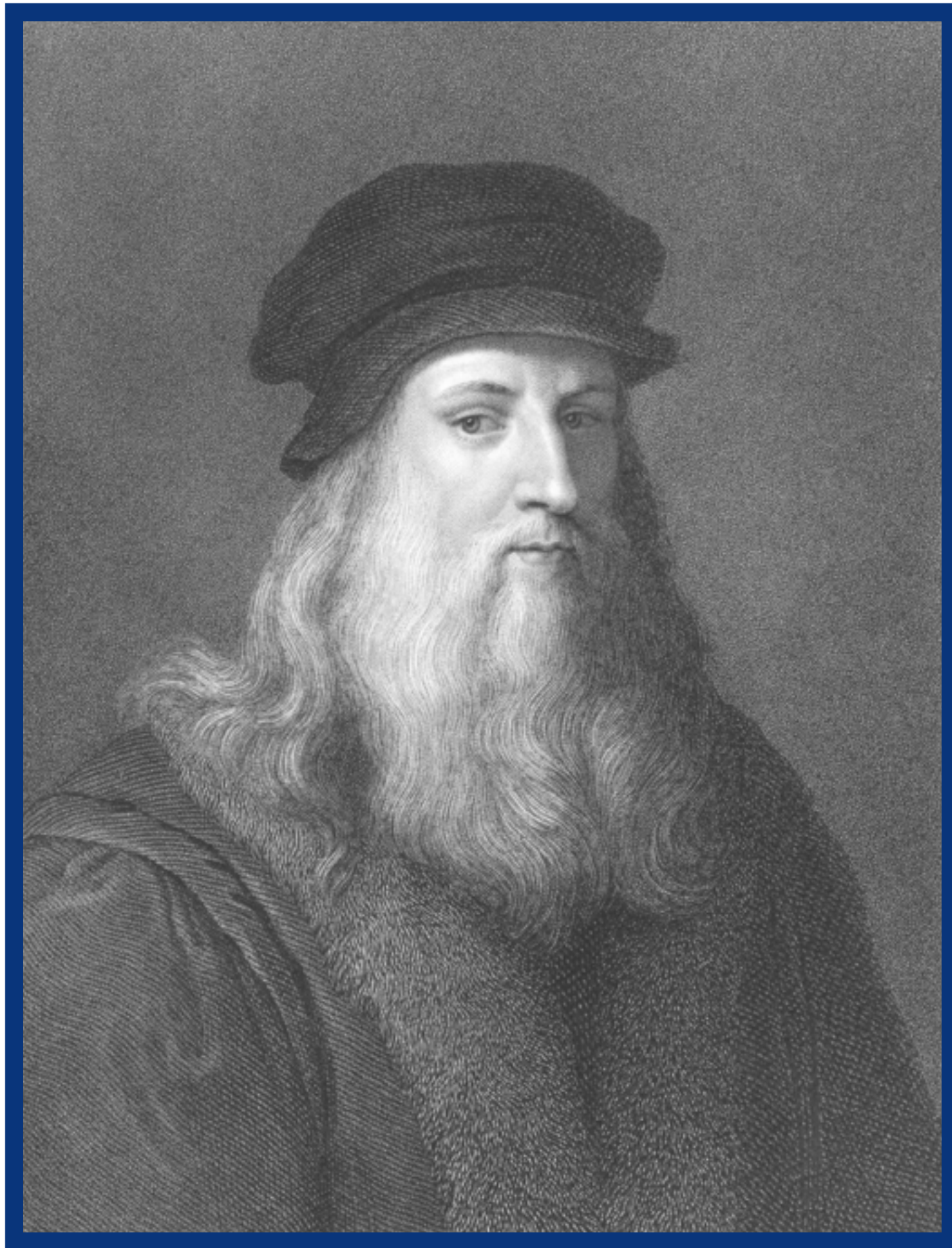


# Why the Renaissance?

Life in the Middle Ages was thought to be quite dull. Not many people during this time knew how to read or had the desire to investigate the world around them. A group of Italian writers and scholars wanted to improve their knowledge and become more educated. They thought the Middle Ages were the "Dark Ages" and tried everything they could to discover new skills and ideas. They were known as the "Humanists".



# Leonardo da Vinci



Painter

Sculptor

What  
was he?

Scientist

Engineer

Inventor

Poet



# An intelligent man

The answer is all six. Wow, what an amazing man!



Leonardo Da Vinci was born on the 15th of April 1452 in a small Tuscan village in Italy.

At the age of fifteen he became an apprentice artist, goldsmith and sculptor. In 1482 Leonardo da Vinci moved to Milan where he continued painting and became a military expert and engineer. He designed machines that could be used by men at war and investigated how to make objects fly.

# An influential man

Leonardo da Vinci was self-educated. This meant he researched and investigated a range of topics without a teacher's direction. As a result of this he became knowledgeable in the areas of science, technology, art, literature, war, human anatomy and the world in general.

He wrote all of his ideas in notebooks with encrypted messages that were hard to decode. Many people asked him questions about his ideas as they were interested in his findings and knowledge.





Why do you think  
so many people  
wanted to work with  
Leonardo Da Vinci?

# New techniques

While Leonardo da Vinci lived in Milan he designed many models to be sculpted and painted many paintings. He investigated new techniques and theories every day to improve his skills. Two of his most famous paintings were the MONA LISA and THE LAST SUPPER.

Leonardo drew images of the world around him which were the inspiration for the majority of his paintings.

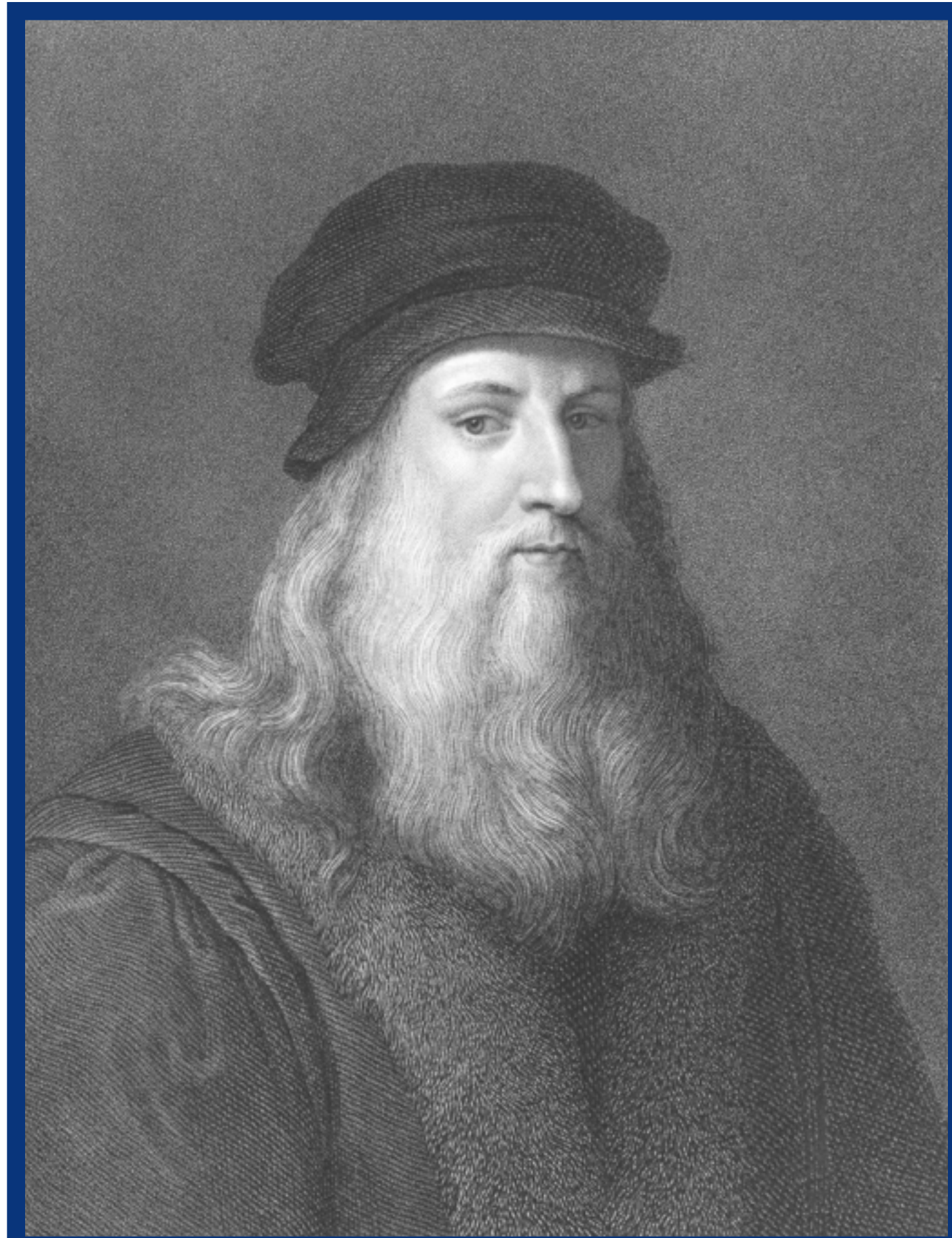


He drew diagrams of human anatomy, plants and inventions and shared his new ideas with like-minded people.

# A famous man



Leonardo da Vinci became so famous throughout his life that the French King asked him to move to Paris, France.



He agreed to move to France where he lived in the King's guest house. Leonardo continued drawing, painting and investigating scientific theories until he died on the 2nd of May 1519, aged 67.

# Investigating Leonardo da Vinci



On the next slides are some images of Leonardo da Vinci's work. Discuss what you can see in the images and why he might have created each piece of work.

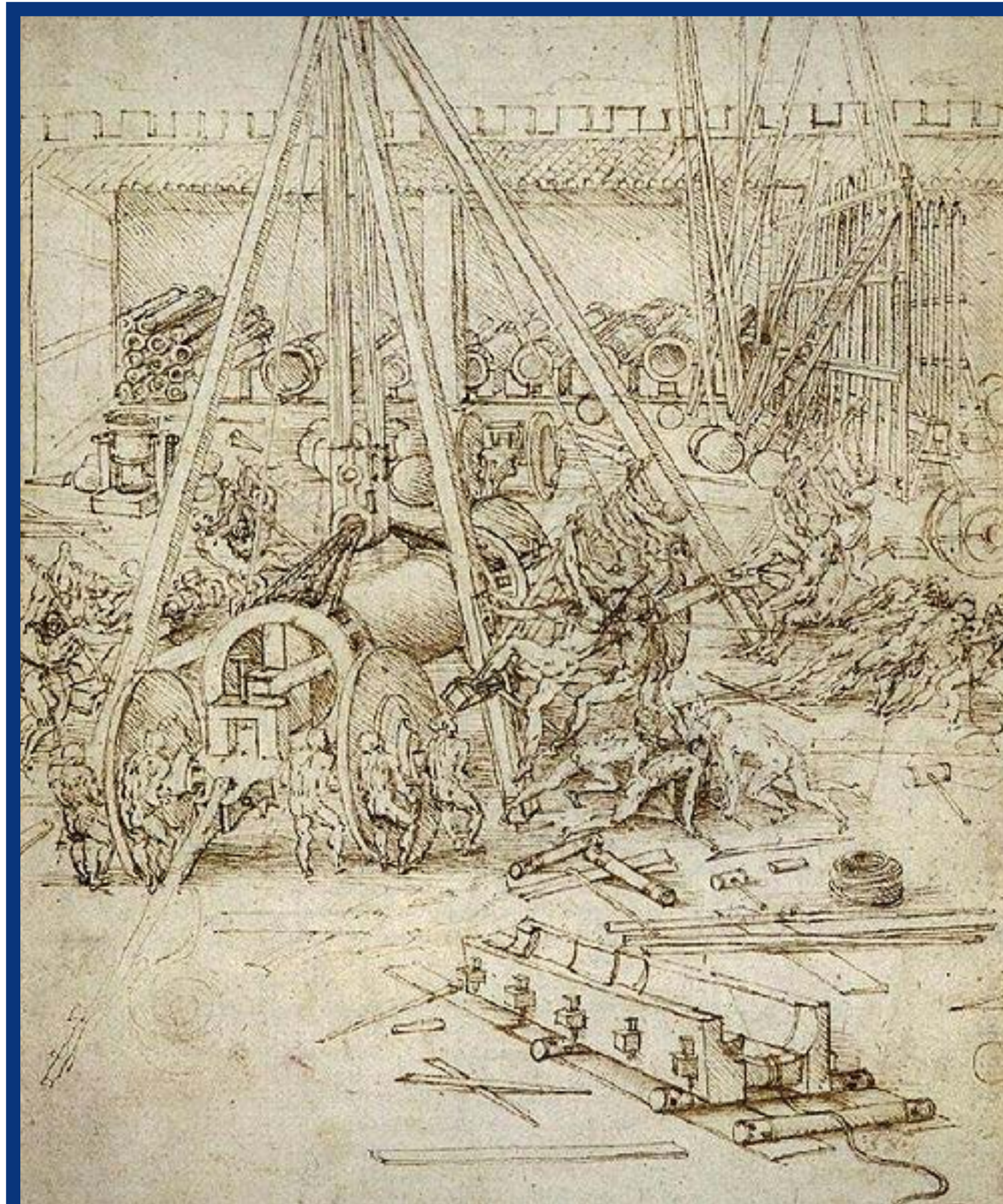


Look at this  
painting. What do you  
see?



Look at this  
sculpture. What do you  
see?





Look at this  
invention. What do you  
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Plenary: Can you match the artist's name to the piece of work?



Sandro Botticelli

Michelangelo

Caravaggio

Donatello

Raphael





Did  
you have any  
success? Here are  
the answers.



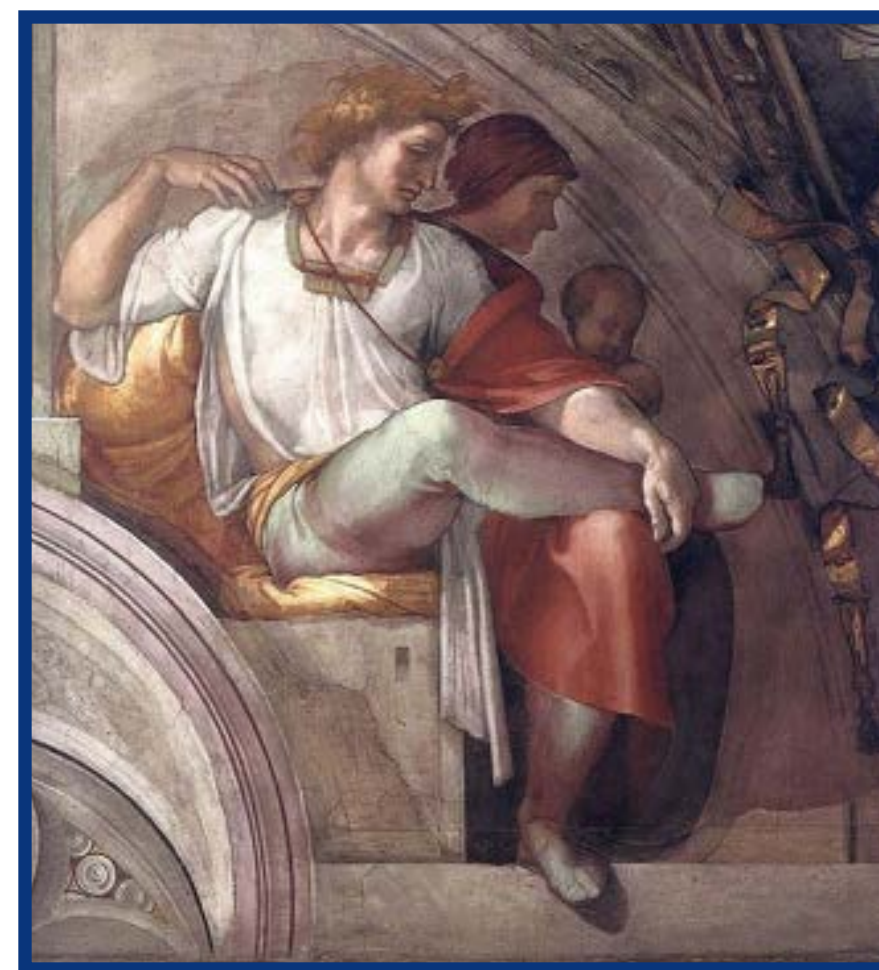
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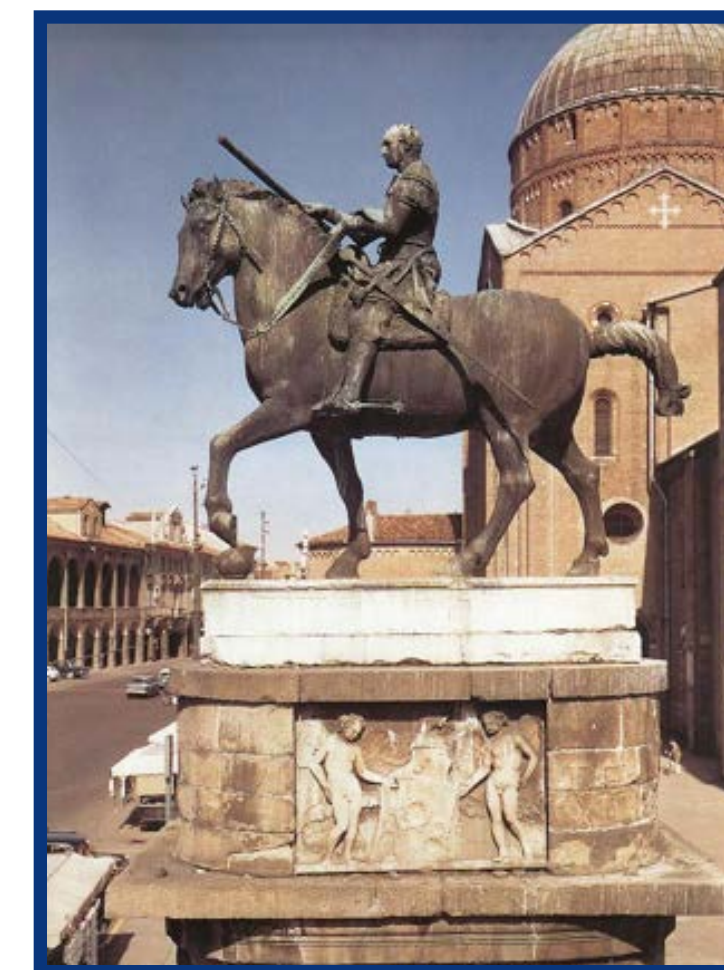
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