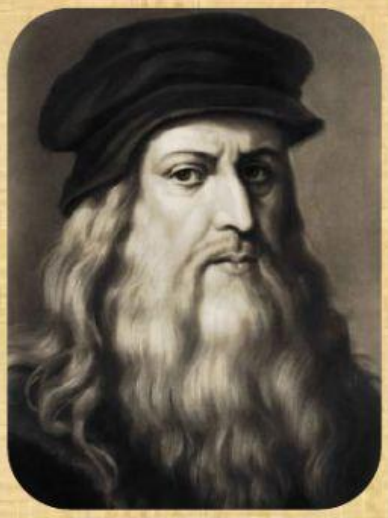
Reading Comprehension:

Art and Artists: Leonardo da Vinci



The Mona Lisa might be the most recognized painting in the world. I was able to see it in person at the Louvre (pronounced "loove") Museum in Paris, France. When I first saw it, I was surprised by how small the portrait is. I was disappointed because I was not able to get a close look at it. A glass enclosure and a heavily guarded barrier protect it. You can only enjoy the painting from a couple feet away.



The man who painted the famous Mona Lisa was Leonardo da Vinci, an Italian artist born in the 15th century. Da Vinci was interested in many different fields. He studied art, medicine, and flight. He also invented a few things. Some people consider him a genius. Da Vinci is probably best known for his paintings.

His depiction of Jesus Christ in The Last Supper is also very well known. It took Leonardo da Vinci 3 years to paint The Last Supper. Now that's dedication

A. Choose the correct answer

1. How long did it take Leonardo da Vinci to paint The Last Supper?

a. one weekend.

b. one year.

c. three years

d. ten years.

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2. Why does the author describe how the Mona Lisa is displayed at the museum?

a. to show how famous a work it is

b. to illustrate how strict the rules are at museums

c. to describe how her trip to Paris went

d. to explain how all art is displayed in museums

3. Which detail from the passage shows that the Mona Lisa is very valuable?

a. The author was disappointed by not being able to get closer to it.

b. It is in a glass enclosure with a heavily guarded barrier.

c. The author was surprised by how small it is.

d. Da Vinci studied many other things besides painting.

4. Read the following sentences: "A glass enclosure and a heavily guarded barrier protect it. You can only enjoy the painting from a couple feet away."

The word enclosure means..

a. a closed-off area

b. a person who protects something

c. an art sculpture

d. an award or trophy

5. This passage is mostly about

a. whether the Mona Lisa is the most famous painting.

b. how Da Vinci took forever to finish a painting.

c. Da Vinci's career as a painter.

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d. how Da Vinci was talented at many arts and sciences

B. Answer:

a. What was Leonardo da Vinci interested in, other than painting?

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