# "Leonardo da Vinci"

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages [4]

*Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.*

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452 in the area of Florence, Italy. He did many things. He was a scientist. He was an ***inventor*** - he made new things. He was a musician. He was a mathematician. He was an ***architect*** – he knew how to plan the construction of buildings. He knew about animals. He knew about plants. He could do many things well. He was very ***talented***.

He was famous for his painting. He painted the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. They are his most famous paintings. Many people know about them. He started working on The Last Supper in 1495 in Milan. He finished it in 1498. He started working on the Mona Lisa in 1503 in Italy. He finished it a short time before he died. It is now in France.

Leonardo's paintings were very good. He understood how bodies worked. He knew how happy or sad people looked. He knew how ***emotion*** looked on people's faces. He understood nature, light, and shadow. His paintings looked real.

Leonardo had many ideas for inventions. He drew plans for a helicopter. He drew plans for a tank. He had an idea for a calculator. He had an idea for making ***solar*** power, which is power that comes from the sun.

Leonardo lived at the same time as Michelangelo and Raphael. He was 27 years older than Michelangelo. He was 31 years older than Raphael. Leonardo died in 1519.

## Questions:

1) When did Leonardo start the Mona Lisa?

A. 1495
B. 1498
C. 1503
D. 1519

2) Where is the Mona Lisa now?

A. In Florence
B. In France
C. In Milan
D. None of the above

3) What was one of Leonardo's talents?

A. He could dance.
B. He was a pilot.
C. He could cook.
D. He knew math.

4) What was one of Leonardo's ideas?

A. He drew plans for a helicopter.
B. He made drawings of a TV.
C. He got power from plants.
D. He built a zoo.

5) Leonardo was 27 years older than…

A. Raphael.
B. Aristotle.
C. Socrates.
D. Michelangelo.

## Vocabulary:

1) An ***inventor*** is someone who…

A. knows about math.
B. makes power.
C. makes new things.
D. understands light and shadow.

2) An ***architect*** is a person who…

A. can play music.
B. plans buildings.
C. invents new machines.
D. paints beautiful paintings.

3) Any person who is ***talented***…

A. can do something well.
B. understands shadow.
C. can fly a helicopter.
D. makes solar power.

4) The best synonym for ***emotions*** is…

A. health.
B. shadows.
C. feelings.
D. None of the above.

5) What is another way to say ***solar***?

A. Related to talent
B. Related to nature
C. Related to the sun
D. Related to painting

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