

Leonardo Da Vinci was born in the Italian city of Vinci in the 15th century, specifically in the year 1452. At that time it is known as the Renaissance, a stage very rich in all the arts and that lasted for the 15th and 16th centuries. . At that time people did not have a surname and the name was completed with the place where they were born or spent their childhood. That is why Leonardo completed his name with Da Vinci, his city of birth.

He had so many professions that we would almost need a whole story to tell them all. He was a painter, sculptor, engineer, inventor, architect, urban planner, botanist, musician, anatomist, cook, philosopher, humanist, naturalist and even cartoonist. For this reason, today, the expression "Renaissance man" is used to refer to someone capable of doing many things.

Da Vinci studied in Florence with Verrocchio, a famous painter of that time. He started as an apprentice, cleaning the brushes. He was so smart that he immediately began to learn drawing. In fact, some versions say that his teacher was angry when he saw that his student was much better than him. One of his most famous paintings is La Gioconda or Mona Lisa. Today it is exhibited in one of the most important museums in the world: the Louvre in Paris.

In addition, he painted The Vitruvian Man and The Last Supper, two of the most important paintings in the History of Art. In all his life he only painted about 30 paintings and most are unfinished. What happens is that he was very perfectionist and obsessed with details. So almost none ended. He was very fond of experimenting and used techniques that had never been used such as vanishing. Da Vinci used it to give more depth to his paintings. This can be seen very well in the Mona Lisa. He liked to paint the eyes of the characters in his paintings looking in unexpected directions to add a touch of mystery to his works.

In his role as inventor, he invented the helicopter, the tank or the submarine. What happens is that he could not build them since in his time there were no adequate materials to do so. As if this were not enough, he was able to write from right to left, contrary to how we do it today in the West. Another thing he liked to investigate is the flight of birds. His idea was to create machines so that man could fly.

Leonardo also worked to improve many of the musical instruments of the time and redesigned many of them to improve the quality of sound and the way of playing them. In short, Da Vinci is considered a universal genius and the most complete representative of Renaissance culture.

1. What state he leaves some of his paints?

- A. Completed
- B. Colorless
- C. Unfinished
- D. Drawn

2. What he likes investigate?

- A. Helicopter
- B. Flight of birds
- C. Submarine
- D. Thank