

# Modern Mona Lisa

The “Mona Lisa”, painted in the 16th Century by Leonardo da Vinci, is one of the most famous paintings in the world. For centuries this oil painting has been studied and admired as a great piece of Renaissance artwork. It’s speculated that the woman in the painting is Lisa del Giocondo, the wife of a wealthy Italian silk merchant. The painting now hangs in the Louvre in Paris, France behind a protective case and is visited by thousands of people every year.



The “Mona Lisa” was one of the first paintings to show an imaginary background and Leonardo da Vinci was one of the first artists to use an aerial perspective.

Leonardo da Vinci was a painter, inventor, mathematician, architect, musician, geologist, cartographer, botanist, sculptor and writer. He is considered to be one of the most talented people to have ever lived!



Looking at the “Mona Lisa” can also give us some insight into Renaissance life in terms of artistic style, what women wore and how women were presented.

However how would she be different if she were painted in the 21st Century?

## **YOUR TASK IS TO CREATE A MODERN “MONA LISA”.**

You may use your own artwork, pictures from magazines, pictures from the internet, or a print of the original painting however the basic structure must be similar to the original.

What image or images will be behind your Mona Lisa?

What will she be wearing? Will she have the same smile?

How will we know that she is from the present day?

What aspects of her will represent the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

*Have fun and be creative!*

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Looking at the “Mona Lisa” can give us a look back into Renaissance life in terms of artistic style, what women wore, and how women were represented. What inferences can you make about women in the Renaissance from the painting?



How would she be different if she were painted in the 21st Century?

What image or images will be behind your Mona Lisa? Why?

What will she be wearing? Why?

Will she have the same smile? Why or why not?

How will we know that she is from the present day?