

# LEONARDO DA VINCI AND HIS MONA LISA

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# What is Mona Lisa?

- **Mona Lisa is the most famous and most valuable painting in the world.**
- **It is a portrait painting of a woman that is half in length.**
- **It is the most visited painting in the world.**



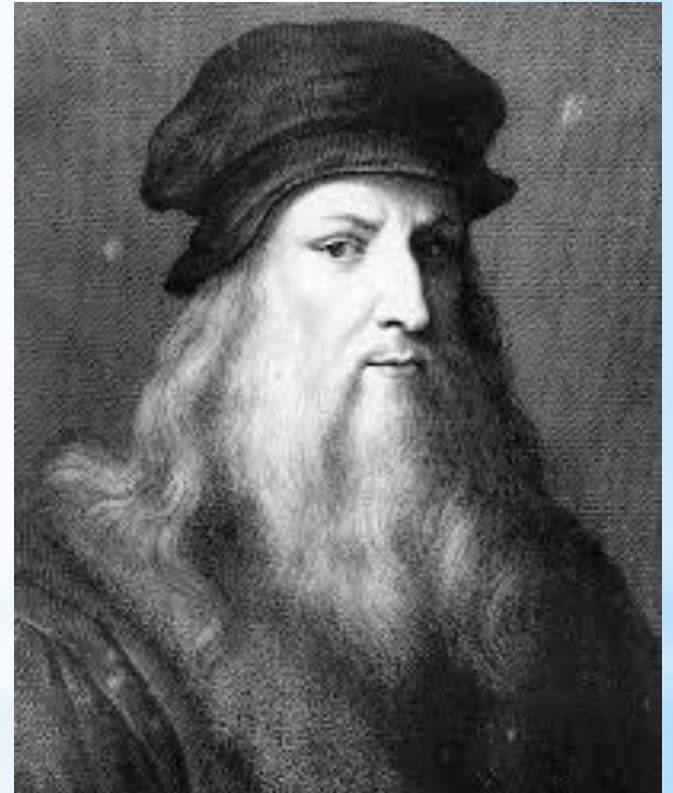
# What is the Mona Lisa about?

- **It is a portrait of a wife of a rich Merchant who lived in Florence, Italy.**
- **The rich merchants of Florence liked to have painted a portrait of themselves once in a lifetime during the Renaissance period.**



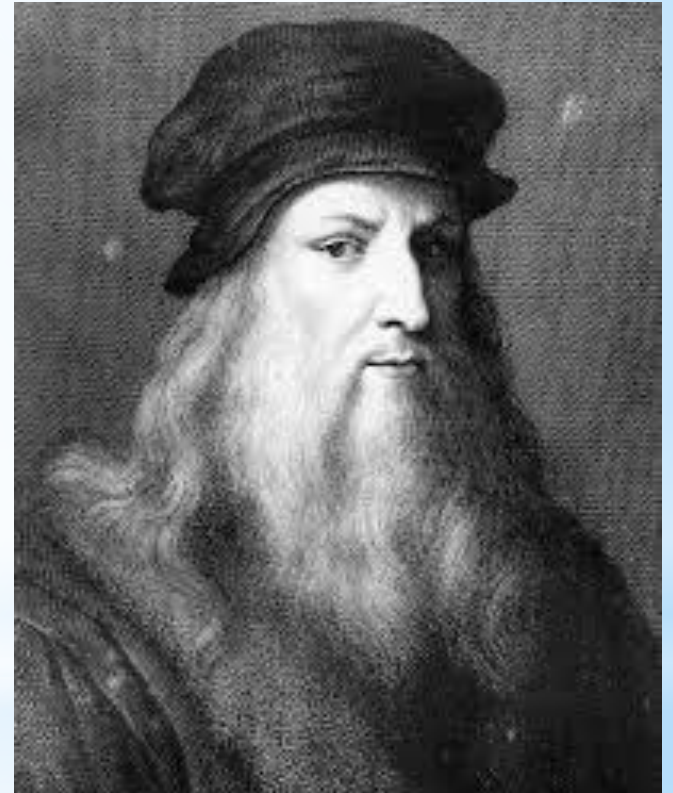
# Who Painted the Mona Lisa?

- **Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.**
- **His full name was Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci and was known as Leonardo da Vinci or Leonardo.**
- **He was an person of wide knowledge and learning who lived during the Italian Renaissance.**



# What about his personality?

- **He was among the greatest painters of his time.**
- **His areas of interest and expertise included invention, painting, science, sculpting, music, architecture, botany, geology, cartography, writing, anatomy, history, engineering, literature, astronomy and mathematics.**



# Why did Leonardo da Vinci paint the Mona Lisa?

- **Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned by Francesco del Giocondo to paint an oil painting**
- **Francesco del Giocondo was a rich silk merchant of Florence.**
- **Francesco del Giocondo wanted the painting to be a portrait of his wife that was intended to be hanged in their new home.**



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# What is the meaning of the Mona Lisa?

- **Mona Lisa is an English title that has been derived from the Italian word “Mona” which is short form of the phrase “ma doona”.**
- **Mona or Ma doona means “My Lady”.**
- **Another name for the mona lisa in Italian is La Gioconda and in French is La Joconde which means happy or jovial.**



# What does the painting of the Mona Lisa represent?

- **The painting of the Mona Lisa visually representation the idea of happiness.**
- **This idea of happiness is defined by one word “gioconda” in Italian.**



# When was the Mona Lisa painted? How old is the Mona Lisa painting?

- **The Mona Lisa was painted in sometime between 1503 and 1519.**
- **During this time period Leonardo da Vinci was living in Florence, Italy.**
- **The Mona Lisa painting is around 500 years old**



# Where was the Mona Lisa painted?

- **Mona Lisa was painted in Florence, Italy.**
- **Florence is the capital city of Tuscany region of Italy.**
- **It is well known for its extraordinary masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture.**



# How long did it take to paint Mona Lisa?

- **Historians suggest that it took approximately four years to paint Mona Lisa. It is believed that Leonardo started painting Mona Lisa in 1503, kept working on it for the next four years and also kept it with himself for some years later on.**



# What are the techniques used in the Mona Lisa?

- **The technique used in painting Mona Lisa is called Sfumato.**
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# Why is the Mona Lisa famous?

- **Mona Lisa is famous because it was the first painting that used the 1 point perspective i.e. the use of background and it became the standard for all future portrait paintings.**
- **Furthermore, the unusual smile, timeless eyes and how the woman looks both young and old at the same time, makes the painting one of its kind.**





# When did the Mona Lisa become famous?

- **Though painted in the 1500s, it was not until the 1860s that it caught the attention of the art critics, who began to regard it as an icon of Renaissance period.**
- **However, the Painting become famous outside the art world when it was stolen from the Louvre Museum. It created a media sensation and the theft was reported in the media all over the world.**



# When was the Mona Lisa stolen?

- **Mona Lisa was stolen on August 21st, 1911 by Vincenzo Peruggi.**
- **He hired three Italian handyman to steal the painting for him. They ripped the painting from its frame.**
- **The theft was reported all over the globe and posters were posted all around Paris.**
- **Vincenzo Peruggi was arrested and sentenced eight months in prison.**



# How big is the Mona Lisa? – Mona Lisa Painting Size

- **The size of Mona Lisa is 77 cm x 53 cm i.e. 30 in x 21 in.**



# Who owns the Mona Lisa?

- **Mona Lisa is owned by the French government and is put on display at Louvre Museum.**



# Where is the Mona Lisa now?

- **Mona Lisa is set on display for public in the Louvre Museum right now.**
- **Louvre was a royal palace which at the end of 18th century, was converted into a public museum.**
- **The museum displays about 35,000 objects and Mona Lisa is the most famous object.**



# Where has the Mona Lisa been displayed?

- **It was displayed at Uffizi and at various museums in Italy in December 1913 after its recovery from theft.**
- **In 1963, it was displayed in the United States of America for seven weeks at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.**
- **During 1974 it was displayed at Tokyo National Museum, Japan and at Pushkin Museum in Moscow, Russia.**



# Mona Lisa Painting Price – What is the value of the Mona Lisa?

- **According to the Guinness World Records, Mona Lisa has the highest insurance value than any other painting in history.**
- **The worth of Mona Lisa was assessed to be US\$100 million on December 14, 1962 which must be equal to around US\$790 million in 2016 taking account of inflation.**



# How many people have seen the Mona Lisa?

- **Every year over 6 million people visit the Louvre Museum to see the Mona Lisa.**





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