

Boredom Busters Bitez

LEONARDO DA VINCI

Today's theme is all about Leonardo Da Vinci! Leonardo Da Vinci was a very talented person. He was a painter, an architect, a poet, a composer, a scientist, a mathematician, an inventor, and a sculptor! Da Vinci is remembered for creating lots of different art and inventions. He painted the Mona Lisa, designed the bicycle, and created mirror writing! Without Da Vinci's smarts, the world might not have the incredible technology it does today!

Today's fun includes a fill-in-the-blank biography about Da Vinci, a brainstorm of what Da Vinci might be like today, and creating your own Mona Lisa!

Da Vinci's Code

Read the story below. Use the word bank to fill in the missing words to complete the story.

Apprentice

Mona Lisa

France

Parachutes

Vinci

Airplanes

Backwards

Cars

Research

Sketchbooks

Leonardo Da Vinci was born in 1452 near the village of _____, Italy. When Da Vinci was young he enjoyed drawing and playing music. Da Vinci never went to school. He learned how to read, write, and do math at home. When he got older he became an _____ and learned how to paint.

Da Vinci was fascinated by the world around him. He loved studying science! Da Vinci studied how the human body worked, how things moved, how plants grew, and how animals lived. Da Vinci later created sketches for _____, _____, _____, and other vehicles. These vehicles wouldn't be invented until hundreds of years later!

FAST FACT

Leonardo Da Vinci was born on April 15th!

Leonardo Da Vinci was a well-known painter while he was alive. He used oil paints to paint the famous paintings, the _____ and the Last Supper. It took him many years to paint both of these paintings.

Da Vinci was also known for all of his _____ and journals. Da Vinci was always scribbling notes and drawings in his journals. People had trouble reading his journals because Da Vinci wrote differently than everyone else. Da Vinci was left handed and he wrote his words _____ .

Da Vinci spent his final years in _____. He was invited to live there by the King who gave him a house. Da Vinci became the King's First Painter, Architect and Mechanic. A very impressive title.

Leonardo Da Vinci lived in France until he died in 1519. Before he died he tried to organize all of his sketches, drawings, and _____ .

Unfortunately he didn't finish doing this. It wasn't until many years later when his notebooks were found. When Da Vinci's notebooks were found people rediscovered just how smart and talented he was!

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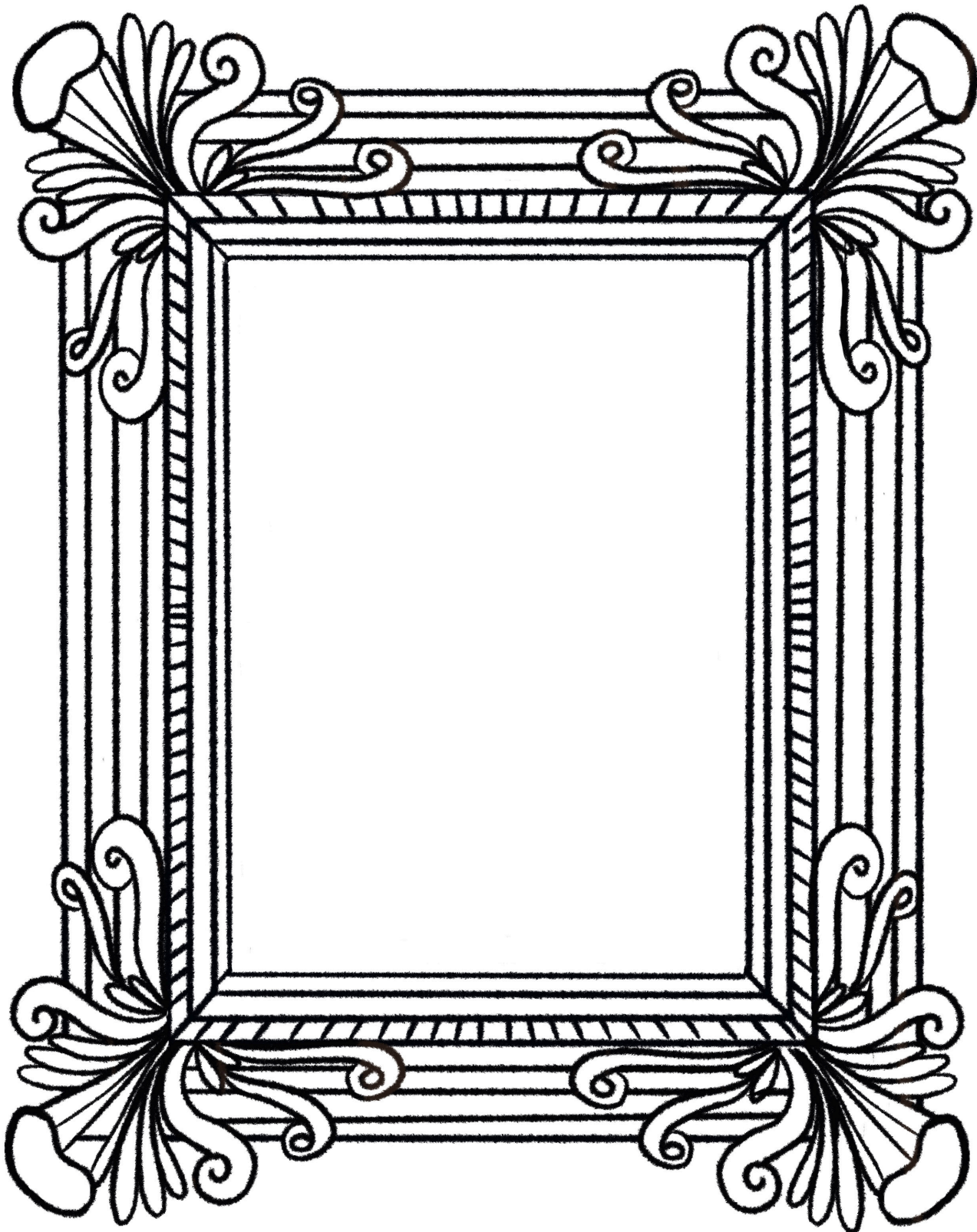
The Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre in 1911 by a former employee. The employee felt the painting belonged in Italy. He actually walked out of the gallery with the painting under his clothes. It took two years before the painting was returned safely!

If Da Vinci Was Alive Today

Leonardo Da Vinci had a lot of ideas. He thought of many new inventions during his time! But what would Da Vinci invent if he was alive today? Use your imagination to think of some new inventions that Leonardo Da Vinci would invent. Use the space below to describe the invention. You can write out the description or draw it just like Da Vinci would!

Draw Your Own Mona Lisa

The Mona Lisa is one of the most famous paintings in the world. Use your imagination to create a portrait in the frame below!





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