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Leonardo da Vinci was a gifted painter, talented musician, and dedicated scientist and inventor, designing flying machines, submarines, and even helicopters. Yet he had a hard time finishing things, a problem anyone can relate to. Only thirteen paintings are known to be his; as for the illustrated encyclopedia he intended to create, all that he left were thousands of disorganized notebook pages. Here is an accessible portrait of a fascinating man who lived at a fascinating time—Italy during the Renaissance.

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Jennifer says

This book would be a great read aloud to incorporate art history into your classroom. It would be beneficial to print off his work so kids could see it up close.

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“Who was Leonardo Da Vinci?”
By: Roberta Edward

Leonardo Da Vinci was a painter, scientist, mathematician and inventor, during the Renaissance. Born on April 15 1452, in the small town of Vinci, Leonardo was a very ambitious and talented young man. Though little is known about his life, historians were able to gain information through, tax records, notebooks, secondhand sources and legal documents. His mother, Caterina, came from a peasant family, while his father, San Piero was a notary. At the age of fifteen, Leonardo moved to the nearby city of Florence, where he was an apprentice to the artist, Andrea del Verrocchio. Leonardo learned from Andrea, and helped him in painting the Baptism of Christ. At around the age of thirty, Leonardo started his own paintings. In 1482, Leonardo moved to Milan, where he started his world-renowned piece of art, Virgin of the Rock. In around 1495 Fra Luca Pacioli, the famous mathematician, moved to Milan. He befriended Leonardo and taught him math. By this time, Leonardo was very interested in math, science: ranging from anatomy to hydraulics, and art. In 1505, Leonardo made his first sketch of the Mona Lisa, however, it is not known when he exactly, finished the painting. In his last decade of life, Leonardo hired a young aristocratic assistant, and devoted himself in the amplifying his studies of anatomy and hydraulics. In 1519, at the age of 67, Leonardo Da Vinci passed away.

Throughout the biography, one can see that this book is nonfiction as it is about a historical figure. Leonardo Da Vinci was a real person, living during the Renaissance, therefore being of history. This means that the book is nonfiction. Readers also learn many facts while reading, “Who was Leonardo Da Vinci?”. One learns that Leonardo was born in the 1400s, and was one of many artists, inventors, and mathematicians of the Renaissance. We also learn that Leonardo Da Vinci is the painter of the distinguished, Mona Lisa and Virgin of the Rock. Another impressive fact is, Leonardo’s profession. He was an inventor, scientist, mathematician, painter and even a philosopher. A basic fact learned, is that Leonardo was an Italian, from Vinci, a town in Florence. Finally, the reader learns that Leonardo was a man who, often, did not finish a piece of art. Some of his unfinished pieces are, the giant mural of the Battle of Anghari, and the Giant Bronze Horse, a gift to Sforza’s father. Therefore, one can see that Leonardo Da Vinci was an interesting, yet mysterious man.

“Who was Leonardo Da Vinci?” is a very interesting and fun read. Although a small and short book, this biography is composed of a great quantity of interesting facts, as well as achievements, and personal life. It is recommended to any student from lower school, to high school, for quick and easy information about Leonardo Da Vinci. This book is mostly recommended to people who want to learn more about the Renaissance or Leonardo. As mentioned before, it is an easy and fun read, keeping the reader interested at all times. Therefore, one can see that “Who was Leonardo Da Vinci?”, is a very enjoyable and fun biography about Leonardo’s personal and professional life.

Leonardo, an
Extremely talented, yet
Odd artist who
Nourished the
Ambitious
Renaissance with
Diagrams and
Outstanding paintings.

Mr. Morgan says

This Who Was book was more informative than most. I know about some of Leonardo da Vinci's work, but I don't much about him as a person. I learned a lot from this one! As is always true with the Who Was/Is . . . ? series, the sidebars are excellent. Sidebars include parchment, the Renaissance, perspective in painting, models of the universe, Raphael, and Michelangelo.

Tammy Frew says

I read this book to follow up on what my grandson was reading in order to see if he was comprehending what he was reading I was able to learn a little bit more about his childhood and how his drawings were made this book describes his paintings and drawings and and how long he took to make them Leonardo DaVinci what is a perfectionist.

Diana Hincu says

Sa citeste usor si rapid, intr-o ora.Buna pentru un club de carte pentru copii sau pentru tine sa iti verifici cultura generala:)). Cred ca biografia unui geniu atat de complex si multilateral nu lasa apatic pe nimeni. Povesteste viata si operele lui Leonardo, dar si scapa un fel de zeitgeist al renasterii. Interesanta colectia

Pandora, recomand pentru lecturi usoare si informative.

Cameron Hamilton says

This is a very interesting series of books and you can learn a lot about history from the Who Was/Is series

Carolina Torres says

"Who Was Leonardo da Vinci?" by Roberta Edwards is such an inspiring book! It wants you to do something historical in the world! I love how Leonardo became this famous artist for one piece of art! This book is about the amazing life of Leonardo da Vinci! His love, family, and young life. Most importantly, his art life and how did he found his talent and his passion for art! My favorite part about this whole book is the part were he make his most famous piece yet the "Moana Lisa" because its so unique than others famous artists pieces! I recommend this book to the people like myself love learning about artists who came from nothing to a huge success!

Heather Jo says

megan summer reading 2018, children's book, nonfiction, series, who was, biography, da vinci,

Janae' Hosley says

The true story of the young immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history. This picture book biography about Ukrainian immigrant Clara Lemlich tackles topics like activism and the U.S. garment industry.

Zack says

Leonardo is a famous artist back in the Renaissance time and he was one of the greatest.

This book was really good I loved all the paintings and inventions he had in mind of. I also like how Leonardo's last couple of years was in a house that had a tunnel to the person who took care of him. I learned that Leonardo had a horse project that he was making and the last touches would be putting bronze all over the horse statue but then a war came and the enemy came and destroyed the horse.

Leonardo is one of the greatest artist in the world and he is also very ahead of his time.

Ruby Tovar says

This non-fiction biography of Leonardo da Vinci was really interesting. I rated it 4 stars simply because I didn't enjoy it as much as others I have read. Overall, however the information was relevant and driven with quality. I think one really important aspect of any biography (or any informational text in general...) is: did it expand your knowledge? Before reading this all I could really correlate Leonardo da Vinci to were his paintings. I always related him to his art, but after reading this I know so much more about him as a painter, musician, inventor, scientist, etc. This really painted a portrait of all the things he was skilled at and how he made a difference in the world.

This text is super accessible and suitable for a wide age range. It really was a fascinating read, and also made clear the disorganized and disheveled personality of da Vinci. It has a plethora of useful and fun information. It makes learning about him a little bit more fun, which is fantastic for teachers working with school aged kids. These come in series, and there are plenty more about other famous individuals. I chose to read this one because this is the individual I knew least about. I don't regret reading this at all, and in fact really recommend it. It was a fun read and expanded my understanding of him tenfold. I like that it included engaging and meaningful text!

Viviana says

In the biography "Who was Leonardo da Vinci" by Roberta Edwards this book was alright. It was about the artist, painter, and inventor Leonardo da Vinci. It talked about how he painted the Mona Lisa to inventing the airplane. He was a very smart man. He never really ever finished his paintings and that's why you can still see pencil on the Mona Lisa. This author is known for writing biographies on lots of different people, and he does a good job on it. I cannot really relate to this book because it is about Leonardo da Vinci and not me, but it is still interesting to me. That is why I recommend this book to anyone.

Andrew Kiley says

I liked this book because it somewhat explained how he competed with the other popular artist in his time period. It said a lot about what he did as a painter and said some stuff about his art and how special they are. It was a good book.

Sarah says

The book "Who was Leonardo da Vinci" is about the life of Leonardo from newborn to death. Leonardo was not always loved by his parents but loved by his uncle and grandparents. Both mother of Leonardo and father were not married together. Few months later they both got married with other people and had different families. Leonardo's father left him with his grandparents. His uncle who would visit them would love to spend time with Leonardo. His father saw Leonardo loved to draw so he sent him to a place where young

artist learn to paint. Leonardo was the best out of all the students, even the teachers! This is where Leonardo's Life began..... I recommend this book to people who like Biography.

Nathan says

it was a very good informative history book that explained a lot about Leonardo Da Vinci. It answered a lot of my questions, I didn't even know that he painted the Mona Lisa. it was a very good book and I loved reading it.
