

WHY IS SHE SO FAMOUS?



Students watch videos and find out about who Mona Lisa was.

Discuss famous art.

Write about a famous painting.

Answer key.
Transcript.



Name _____

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Why do you think the Mona Lisa is so famous. Watch and find out. Fill in the missing words.

Let's play a game. Think of a famous painting. Guess what? You just thought of me.

Today, I'm the world's most _____ work of art, but it wasn't always this way. My story is full of surprises, and it all began in a studio in Florence.

Well, here's the _____ himself, Leonardo da Vinci. He worked on me on and off for a few years towards the end of his career.

You're a minor work, my dear, some interesting shading, nothing more. We'll just see about that.

Over the next 300 years, I hung quietly in French _____ and royal bathrooms. The things I've seen. [Napoleon] I want you.

Until finally I was noticed by a man who had already made quite a name for himself. When Napoleon chose me to hang on his bedroom wall, people took _____ - I look forward to sleeping with you, my chérie.

After he had his whole _____ from France thing, they tossed me on a wall at The Louvre. But at this point, I was still just another Renaissance portrait. Until one night. - Bella. I was stolen! It was pandemonium. Paris was in an _____.

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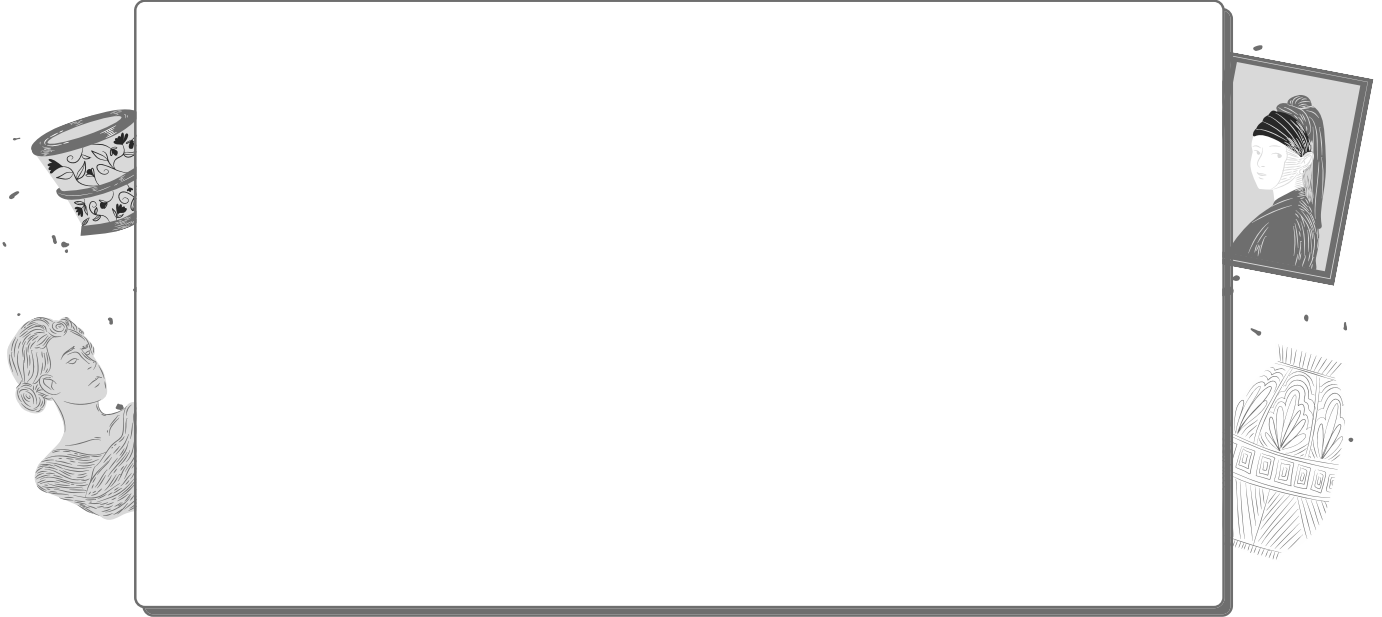
Go Further: What is your favorite painting? Research about it and the artist and prepare a report to present to the class. Also show us the painting!

Name: _____

Date: _____

ART CRITIQUE

In the box, paste or draw your favorite artwork.



Look at the artwork carefully then answer the following questions in 1-3 complete sentences.

What are the things you see in the artwork? What kinds of lines, shapes, or colors get your attention?

What do you think the artwork is about?

How does the artwork make you feel?

If you could change the artwork's title, what would you call it? Why?

Art & Artists - Discussion Questions

Who is your favorite artist? Why?

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What kinds of paintings appeal to you?

----- ✂ -----

Are you good at drawing or painting?

----- ✂ -----

Do you think art is overvalued?

----- ✂ -----

Do you think graffiti is art? Or abstract art? Why or why not?
What is art to you?

----- ✂ -----

Why do people become artists? Does society treat artists well?

----- ✂ -----

Have you ever been to an art gallery? If so, which one?

----- ✂ -----

If you were an artist, what would you create?

----- ✂ -----

Do you know someone who is an artist? Tell us about their life.

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Why do people keep paintings hanging on their walls?

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Is there any kind of art you don't like or support?

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