Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) was a painter, architect, inventor, and student of all things scientific. His natural genius crossed so many disciplines that he epitomized the term “Renaissance man.” Today he remains best known for his art, including two paintings that remain among the world’s most famous and admired, Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. Art, da Vinci believed, was indisputably connected with science and nature. Largely self-educated, he filled dozens of secret notebooks with inventions, observations and theories about pursuits from aeronautics to anatomy. But the rest of the world was just beginning to share knowledge in books made with moveable type, and the concepts expressed in his notebooks were often difficult to interpret.

Project(s)

Materials Needed

- Old Magazines
- Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons, Markers or Paint/Paint Brushes

What You Do

1. Have students recreate their own Mona Lisa using magazine cutouts of faces, noses, hair, eyes, flowers or plants (for the background), etc.
2. Once students have cutout the magazine pieces have them glue their pieces onto a sheet of paper.

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