

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of the Renaissance period, including its key figures, artistic achievements, and cultural significance. The student will also create their own artwork inspired by Renaissance styles and learn to express their thoughts about this fascinating era through writing and discussion.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencils for drawing and writing
- Colored pencils or markers for artwork
- A comfortable space for reading and creating
- Basic knowledge of the Renaissance period (15th to 17th century, major artists, and historical context)

## Activities

- **Renaissance Art Exploration:** The student will look at famous Renaissance artworks, such as those by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. They will choose one artwork to analyze and discuss what they like about it, how it makes them feel, and what techniques they think the artist used.
- **Create Your Own Renaissance-Inspired Artwork:** After studying different styles, the student will create their own piece of art using colored pencils or markers. They can choose to draw a portrait, a landscape, or a scene from a story that interests them, applying techniques they learned from their exploration.
- **Writing a Renaissance Character Profile:** The student will choose a famous figure from the Renaissance, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, or Galileo. They will write a short character profile that includes important facts about the person's life, their contributions to society, and why they are remembered today.
- **Discussion and Reflection:** Finally, the student will share their artwork and character profile with you. Encourage them to explain their artistic choices and what they learned about the Renaissance figure they chose.

## Talking Points

- "The Renaissance was a time of great change in Europe, where art, science, and culture flourished. Can you think of a time when you learned something new that changed how you see the world?"
- "Leonardo da Vinci was not only an artist but also a scientist and inventor! What do you think it would be like to be good at many different things?"
- "Michelangelo created the famous Sistine Chapel ceiling. Imagine painting something so big!"

What would you want to paint if you had a huge ceiling?"

- "The Renaissance was about rediscovering the ideas of ancient Greece and Rome. Why do you think people wanted to look back at those old ideas?"
- "Art during the Renaissance was often about showing human emotions and experiences. How do you express your feelings in your own art?"
- "Many inventions, like the printing press, came from the Renaissance. How do you think the printing press changed the way people learned?"
- "Renaissance artists often used techniques like perspective to create depth in their paintings. Have you ever tried to make something look 3D in your drawings?"
- "Galileo challenged the way people thought about the universe. Why is it important to question what we know?"
- "The Renaissance was a time of exploration, not just of the world, but of ideas too. What new idea are you curious about?"
- "Finally, remember that the Renaissance was about creativity and expression. What do you enjoy creating the most?"