

I believe that Leonardo da Vinci is one of, if not the most important person of the Renaissance. Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian painter, sculptor, inventor, and scientist who lived from 1452 to 1519. Although being famous for many things, his art is one of the most prominent creations. He painted The Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, The Vitruvian Man, along with many others. His knowledge of human anatomy helped him create very realistic looking paintings. Unfortunately, few of his paintings were actually completed. This was due to his tendency to constantly experiment with new styles and techniques. The paintings that were completed however, have become some of the most famous artworks of all time and are an inspiration to many artists. He was also famous for his inventions. He created the first parachute and the aerial screw, both of which would prove useful in future years as inspiration for the modern day parachute and the helicopter. He also created several military inventions. His triple barrel gun allowed soldiers to fire more frequently because of its multiple barrels. His armoured car design would be a tremendous inspiration for the creation of the tank. Using his scientific knowledge, he created the first use of solar power when he used mirrors to heat the water of Florence. His scientific research was focused on human anatomy, zoology, geometry, nature, and mechanics. He made many discoveries with regards to neuroanatomy and neurophysiology. His most famous works were his anatomical sketches of humans that he derived from dissecting human cadavers. He produced the first accurate depiction of the human spine. He also discovered that the heart has four chambers. Due to being well versed in a variety of subjects which became popular during the Renaissance, he is often called a Renaissance man. In my opinion, his contributions to society are extremely substantial and deserve to be remembered for many years to come.

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