

Age

- 1452 Leonardo born on April 15, in Vinci. Leonardo was born to Ser Piero, a notary, and Caterina, a peasant girl; his parents were never married.
- 15 1467 **Leonardo Becomes An Apprentice To Andrea Del Verrocchio, In Florence.** This date is an estimate, the apprenticeship could have begun a year or two later. But 1467 would have been a bit late according to the customs of the time: Leonardo would have been fifteen, and most apprentices began at a younger age.
- 17 1469 **Lorenzo And Giuliano De Medici Become New Rulers Of Florence.** The two brothers took over when their father died. 1469 also marks the birth of Machiavelli, who would be an important advisor to Lorenzo and later write the work of political philosophy entitled *The Prince* (1515).
- 20 1472 Leonardo Becomes A Member Of The Florence Painters' Guild. Birth Of Copernicus. Dante's *The Divine Comedy* Is Published. Other famous painters to join the painters' guild in 1472 were Botticelli and Perugino.
- 21 1473 **Leonardo Draws A Landscape On The Feast Of Santa Maria Delle Neve.** This is his earliest known drawing, though he probably also had a hand in Verrocchio's *Baptism of Christ*, which probably reached completion in or around 1473.
- 23 1475 **Michelangelo Born**
- 24 1476 Leonardo Charged With Sodomy On April 9; The Case Is Dismissed June 16.
- 25 1477 Leonardo Had At Least Some Part In The Painting *The Annunciation To The Virgin*, Completed Around This Time.
- 29 1481 **Leonardo Receives A Commission To Paint The Adoration Of The Magi.** The painting was never completed, yet was—and is—considered a masterpiece. This same year, most of the other noteworthy painters in Florence were sent to Rome to work on projects for the Pope.

- 30 1482 Leonardo Moves From Florence To Milan, Entering The Patronage Of Ludovico Sforza. By this time, Leonardo is writing in his notebooks regularly.
- 31 1483 Leonardo Receives A Commission To Paint The Virgin Of The Rocks. Also, Raphael is born in 1483.
- 33 1485 Plague In Milan; Titian Born.
- 36 1488 Verrochio Dies.
- 37 1489 Leonardo Studies Anatomy.
- 38 1490 Leonardo Begins Work In Earnest On The Bronze Horse For His Patron Ludovico Sforza. Leonardo Begins A Book On Landscape And Hydraulic Works; It Is Never Finished. Salai Enters His Household At The Age Of 10.
- 42 1494 Savonarola Takes Power In Florence.
- 43 1495 Leonardo Begins His Last Supper In The Convent Of Santa Maria Delle Grazie.
- 44 1496 Leonardo Illustrates Mathematician Fra Luca Pacioli's De Divina Proportione.
- 46 1498 Leonardo Decorates The Walls And Ceiling Of The Sala Delle Asse. He Also Made His First Attempts At Planning A Flying Machine Around This Time.
- 46 1498 Savonarola is burned at the stake.
- 47 1499 The French Army Conquers Milan; Leonardo Leaves.
- 48 1500 Leonardo And Pacioli Go To Mantua, Then Leonardo Continues On To Florence. In Mantua, he draws the Portrait in Profile of Isabelle d'Este. In Florence, he paints the Virgin and Child with Saint Anne.

- 50 1502 Leonardo Becomes Cesare Borgia's Military Engineer. Leonardo travels around the Romagna, inspecting fortifications. He meets Machiavelli.
- 51 1503 Back In Florence, Leonardo Begins The Battle Of Anghiari. Also, in 1503 Florence tries to divert the Arno River away from Pisa in order to defeat Pisa in war. Leonardo Machiavelli may have cooperated on this project.
- 52 1504 On July 9, Ser Piero Dies
- 53 1505 Leonardo Makes A Second Attempt To Build A Flying Machine And Begins Sketches For The Mona Lisa, Which He Completes Sometime Later
- 53 1505 Leonardo gives up on the Battle of Anghiari, which is deteriorating as he works c
- 54 1506 In May, Leonardo Is Summoned To Milan By Charles D'Amboise, The French Governor.
- 55 1507 Leonardo Is Appointed Louis XII's Painter And Engineer. He paints a second version of the Virgin of the Rocks. He meets his beautiful young assistant, Francesco Melzi. Also, he travels to Florence in a lawsuit against his brothers of his inheritance from his uncle Francesco.
- 56 1508 Michelangelo Begins Work On The Sistine Chapel Frescoes.
- 59 1511 Vasari Born.
- 61 1513 Leonardo Moves To Rome. Living in the Vatican, he studies the properties of mirrors. It is perhaps at this time that he paints the Turin Self-portrait. It was that Leo X (Medici) became pope; the previous year the Medici family returned to power in Florence.
- 63 1515 Around This Time, Leonardo Paints The Painting John The Baptist. He also

constructs a mechanical lion for the coronation of the new king of France, Francis I.

64 1516 Leonardo Permanently Leaves Italy For France, Where He Will Serve Francis I In His Court In Amboise.

67 1519 In May, Leonardo Dies At Cloux.