

**ORAL QUIZ ON THE RENAISSANCE**

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

1. What does the term “renaissance” mean? In what country did the Renaissance begin?  
*The term “renaissance” comes from a French word that means “rebirth.” The Renaissance began in Italy.*
2. What does the term “patron” mean?  
*A patron is a wealthy person or family who pays artists to design a house, paint a picture, or complete some other kind of art for him.*
3. What is a city-state? Name one of the largest city-states in Italy.  
*A city-state is a small, self-governed region made up of a city and the land surrounding it. Venice, Genoa, and Florence are all large city-states in Italy.*
4. What were the rulers of the city-states called? What powerful and wealthy family ruled Florence?  
*The rulers were called dukes. Powerful and wealthy, the Medici family ruled Florence for generations.*
5. Who was Leonardo da Vinci, and what kinds of things did he do?  
*Leonardo da Vinci was a very versatile Renaissance man of Italy. He was not only an accomplished artist but also an architect, inventor, scientist, and musician.*
6. What is the name given to Leonardo’s famous portrait of a woman sitting with a soft smile and penetrating gaze?  
*The Mona Lisa*
7. Michelangelo was another versatile Renaissance man. What were some of his skills?  
*Michelangelo was a skilled artist, sculptor, architect, and poet.*

1. WHAT DOES THE TERM "RENAISSANCE" MEAN? WHERE DID IT BEGIN?

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2. WHAT DOES THE TERM "PATRON" MEAN?

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3. WHAT IS A CITY-STATE? NAME ONE OF THE LARGEST CITY-STATES IN ITALY.

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4. WHAT WERE THE RULERS OF CITY-STATES CALLED? WHAT FAMILY RULED FLORENCE?

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5. WHO WAS LEONARDO DA VINCI, AND WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DID HE DO?

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6. WHAT IS THE NAME OF LEONARDO'S FAMOUS PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN WITH A SOFT SMILE?

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7. WHAT WERE SOME OF MICHELANGELO'S SKILLS?

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