Art History
Renaissance to Impressionism
14th – 19th centuries

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Renaissance

- This movement began in Italy in the early 14th century, and continued through to the late 16th century.
- It then spread through Europe.
- Renaissance literally means 'rebirth' in French.
- This art reflected back to the classical time of Rome and Greece.

Renaissance

- This was the beginning of oil paintings on canvas.
- Paintings were 3-dimensional using shadow and light.
- Artists tried to show different proportions. Objects that are close to you are bigger.



Interesting Facts

- Italian women's fashion was to be plump!
- They shaved their eyebrows.

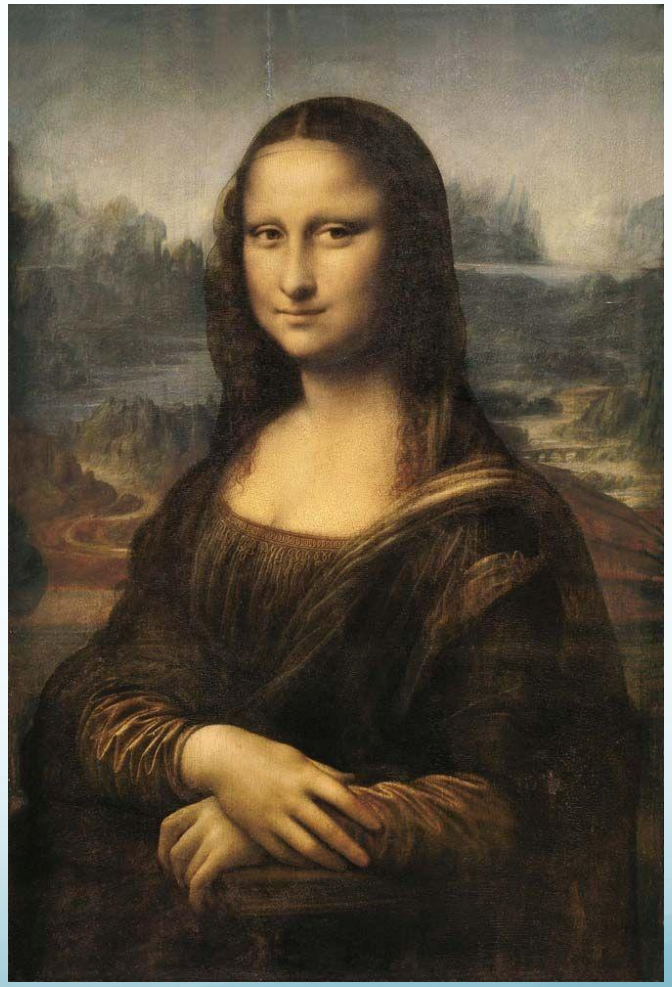


Famous Artist

- **Leonardo Da Vinci**

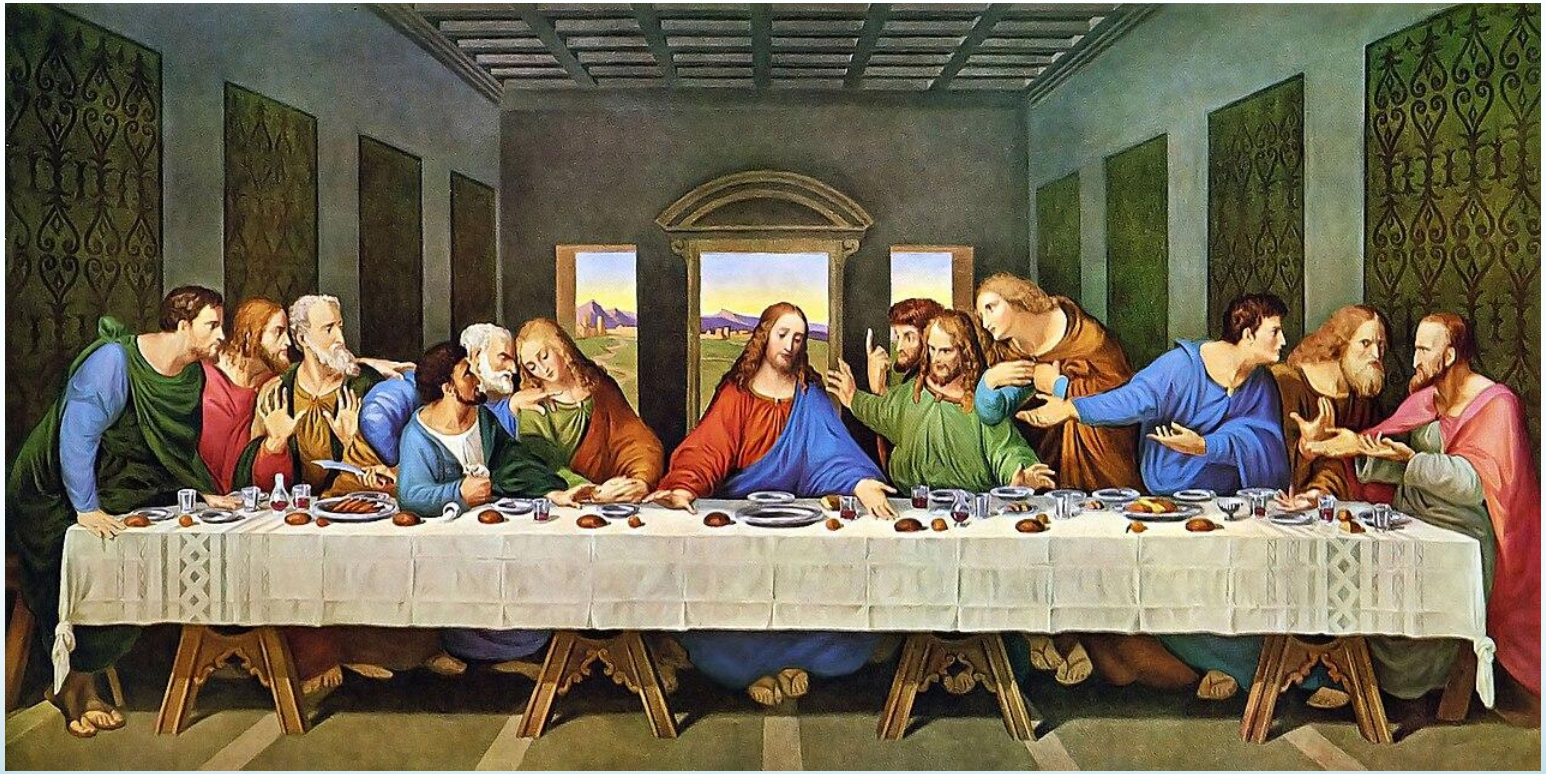
Famous work:

Mona Lisa



and

The Last Supper

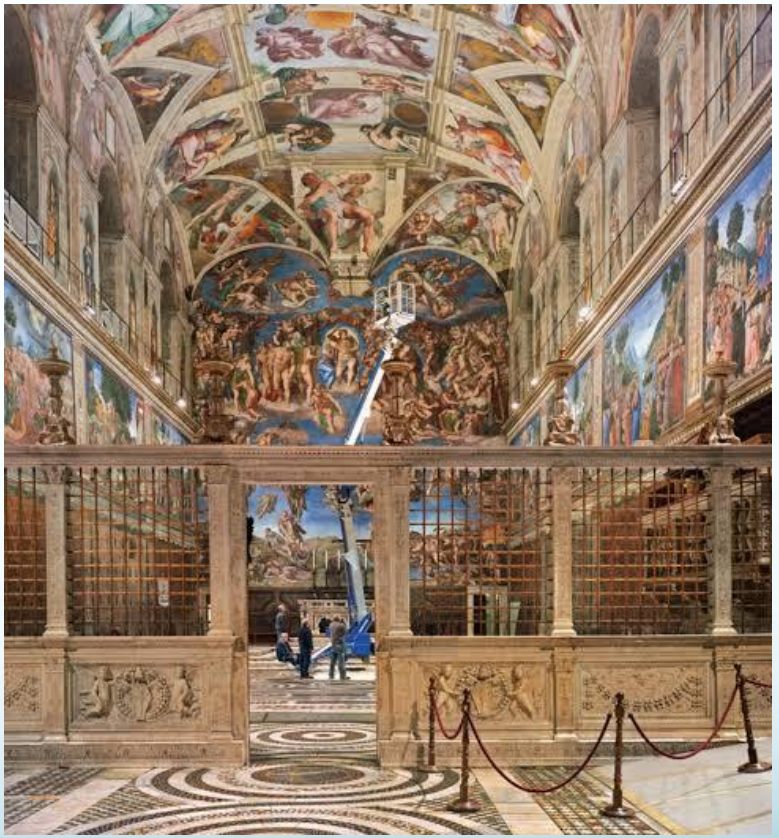


Famous Artist

- **Michelangelo**

Famous work:

The Sistine Chapel ceiling



The Sistine Chapel ceiling

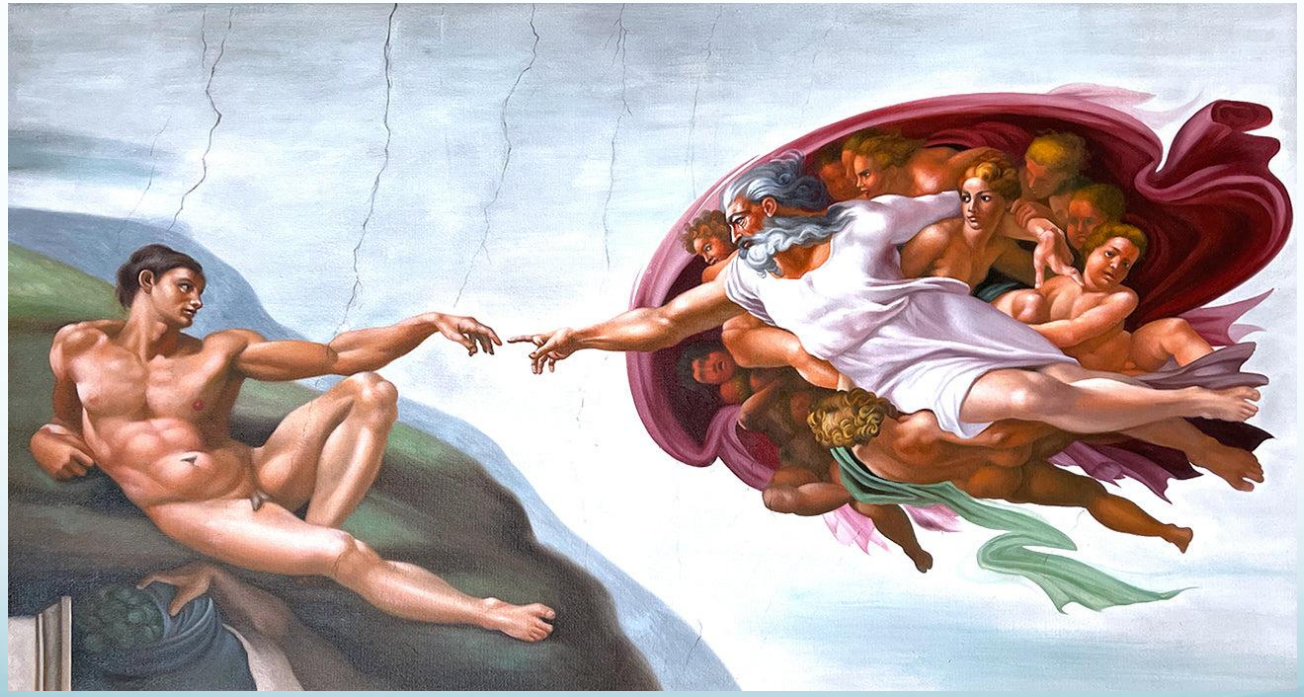
The Sistine Chapel ceiling took about 6 years to complete. There are 300 figures in this painting. It depicts Biblical scenes.



The Sistine Chapel Ceiling

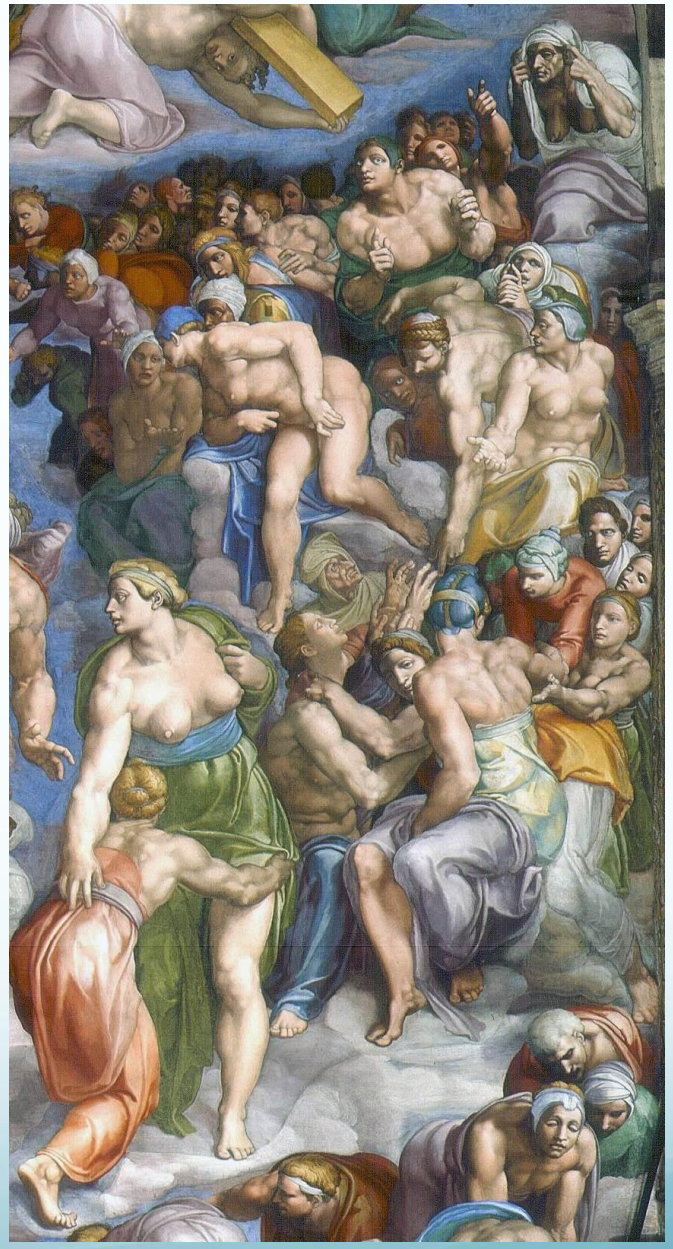
Famous scenes depicted on the ceiling:

“Creation of Adam”



and

“The Last Judgement”



Marble sculptures by Michelangelo:

David (right)

Moses (below)



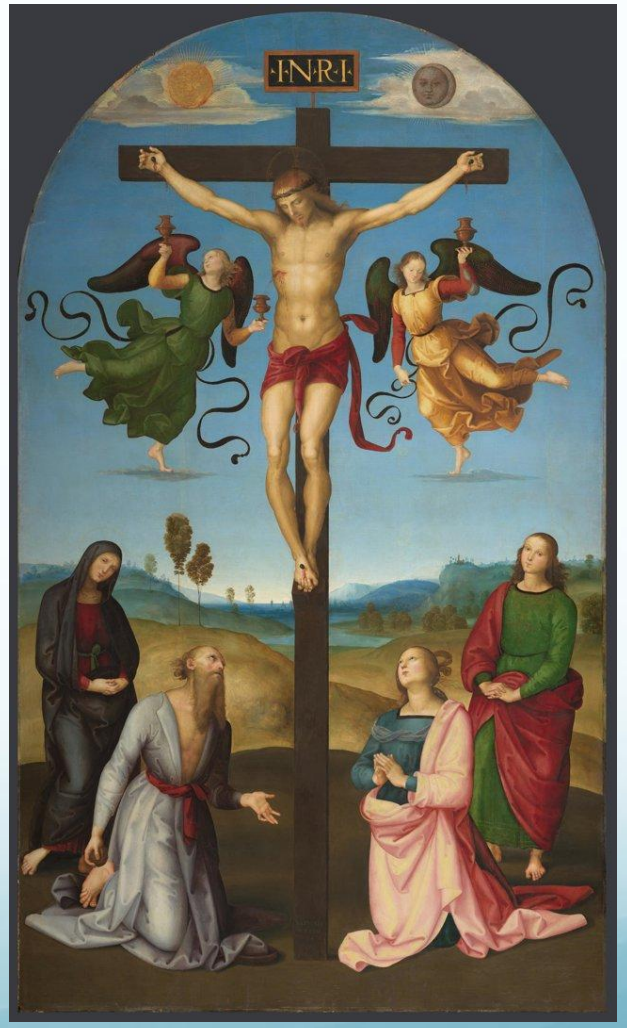


Famous Artist

- **Raphael**

  Famous works

- **'The Mond Crucifixion'**



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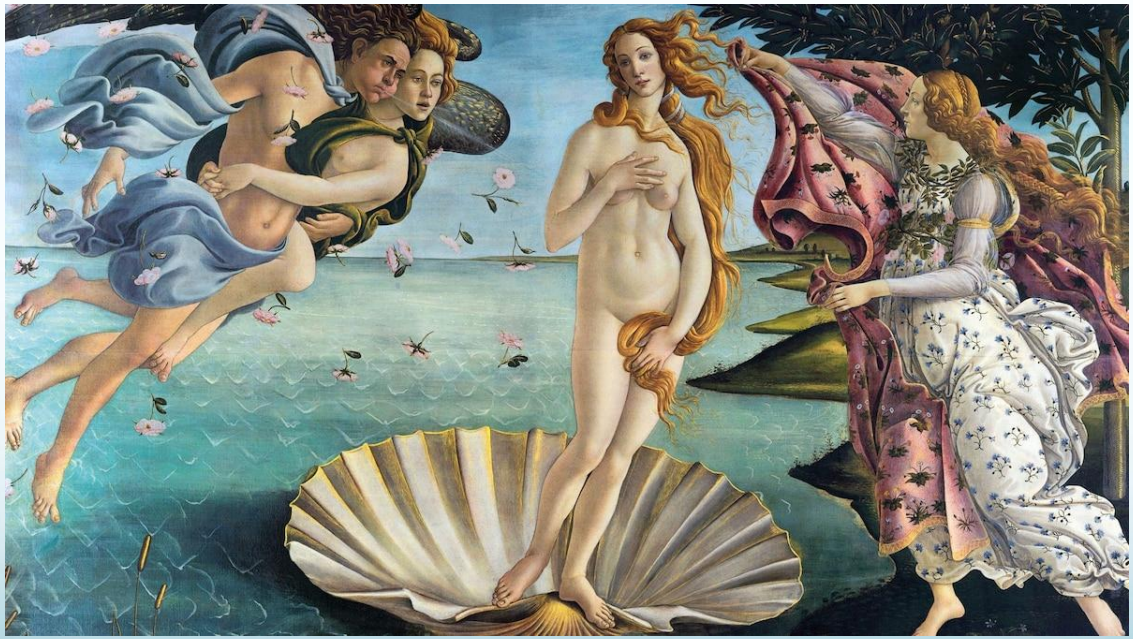
‘The Transfiguration’



Famous Artist

- **Botticelli**

Famous works: **'The Birth of Venus'**



and

‘Portrait of

a young woman’



Famous Artist

- **Donatello (sculptor)**

  Famous works

- **‘St George'**



and

‘The Pazzi Madonna’

Madonna refers to Mary the mother of Jesus.

This example is a relief carving.



Questions

- **What similarities are there between the works of the Renaissance artists?**
- **How would you describe the style of the painting of human figures?**
- **Which works represent Bible characters?**

The Dutch Painters

- The 17th century, known as the Dutch Golden Age.
- Like Renaissance art, paintings majored on realism.
- Common themes were portraits, landscapes, seascapes and still life scenes.

Famous Artist

- **Rembrandt**

Famous work:

The Mill



- Rembrandt

Famous work:

The storm on the Sea of Galilee



Famous Artist

- Vermeer

Famous work:

The girl with the pearl earring



- Vermeer

Famous work:

The Milkmaid



Impressionism

- Began in the early 19th Century.
- This was a French art movement which marked a momentous break from tradition in European painting.
- The impressionist incorporated new scientific research into the physics of colour, to achieve a more exact representation of colour and tone.

Impressionism

- Impressionist art is a style in which the artist captures the image of an object as someone would see it if they just caught a glimpse of it.
- They used a lot of colour, and most of their paintings are outdoor scenes. The paintings are very bright and vibrant.

Famous Artist

- **Claude Monet**

(pronounced Mon–ay)

Famous Work:

Water Lilies

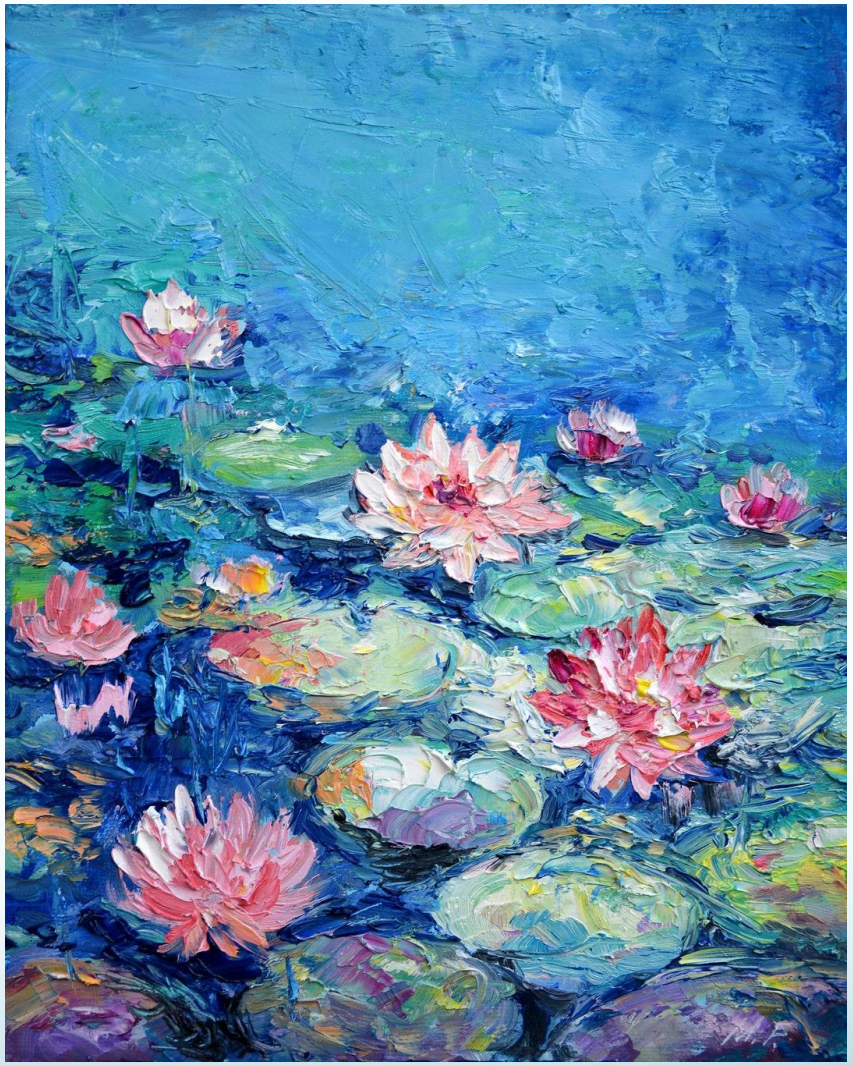


- **Claude Monet**

Famous work:

Water Lilies 2

Monet painted scenes from his own expansive garden, which still exists today as a tourist attraction in France.



Famous Artist

- **Edgar Dagas**

(Pronounced Day–gar)

Famous Work:

Dancing Girl



Famous Artist

- **Edouard Manet**

(Pronounced Man-ay)

Famous Work:

Landscape on ile Saint-Martin



Famous Artist

- **Pierre Renoir**

(Pronounced Ren-war)

Famous Work:

The Garden of the Château des Brouillards



Questions

- **What similarities are there between the works of the Impressionist artists?**
- **How would you describe the style of painting?**
- **How did it contrast to previous eras of art?**