

Paragraph Construction Sample



Levels 10-12

Leonardo da Vinci

On April 15, 1452, one of the most revered artists was born in a town called Vinci, Italy, which stands close to thirty miles to the west of Florence. Ser Piero, Leonardo's father, was a well-known lawyer in Florence. His mother, Catherine, was a young poor country girl, who never married da Vinci's father. As custom dictated, Leonardo was taken from his mother and adopted by his father's family. At the age of fourteen Ser Piero took Leonardo to be an apprentice at the shop of one of the most respected artists in all of Florence: Andrea Verrocchio. Verrocchio had many apprentices in his shop in Florence, yet da Vinci was the most developed student. In addition to his artistry, he was also an excellent engineer and architect. His inventions ranged from that of flying instruments and machines, to work tools and war items. Each one of his creations was well-thought out and had a purpose. Hundreds of years ahead of his time, God graced the world with countless masterpieces through the work of Leonardo da Vinci.