



Fresco

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Paintings done  
on wet plaster

Sfumato

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The technique of allowing  
tones and colours to blend  
gradually into one another

Perspective

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Technique that  
gives an impression  
of depth to paintings

William Harvey

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Discovered that the  
heart made blood  
circulate around the  
body





Nicolaus  
Copernicus

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Developed the theory  
that the Sun was the  
centre of the universe,  
not Earth

Johannes  
Gutenberg

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Invented the  
printing press

Reformation

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Means 'rebirth'  
because the ideas of  
Rome and Greece  
were being 'reborn'

Patron

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Wealthy person  
who financial  
supports artists





Lorenzo de  
Medici

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Famous patron who  
helped artists i.e.  
Leonardo da Vinci and  
Michelangelo

Sculpture

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Statues carved  
from wood or  
stone

Humanism

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The renewed  
interest in ancient  
learning

Cosimo de  
Medici

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Established the  
Platonic Academy  
where scholars could  
study





Icon

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Painting of a religious subject as an object of prayer

Anatomy

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Study of the human body

Moveable  
type printer

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Small metal letters used to print words

Leonardo da  
Vinci

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Considered the 'ideal Renaissance man'







Michelangelo

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One of the greatest  
Renaissance artists

Sofonisba  
Anguissola

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An influential  
Renaissance  
woman- painter

Johannes  
Kepler

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Proved and  
disproved  
Copernicus' theories

Galileo

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Known as 'the  
Father of Modern  
Science'





Vasalius

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Belgian doctor who  
dissected bodies for  
medical research

William  
Harvey

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English doctor who  
discovered the heart  
circulates blood

Shakespeare

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Widely considered  
the greatest  
playwright

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