

THE RENAISSANCE REVEALED

MICHELANGELO, THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

WHAT WE LEARNED:

- Michelangelo was a sculptor, painter, and architect.
- Two of his famous sculptures are the *Pietà* and *David*.
- His magnificent fresco paintings can be seen on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and the altar wall.
- Although not an architect by trade, he designed the dome of St. Peter's Basilica

ART ACTIVITY: SCULPTURE

The students used model magic to sculpt a bear. Michelangelo, however, started with a hard piece of stone (marble) and chiseled away the excess until his smooth beautiful sculptures appeared.



FOR PARENTS:

Our lesson on Michelangelo revealed how he was truly a talented, versatile Renaissance man—able to create and design in multiple arenas. His famous works include sculptures, paintings, and architecture. As a young man Michelangelo sculpted the *Pietà*, which is his only signed sculpture. Recognized as a key work of the Renaissance, his statue of *David* has a fascinating story and is the pride of Florence, Italy. However, as a painter, the Sistine Chapel would be his greatest achievement. Although there were many obstacles to completing this enormous ceiling fresco, Michelangelo finished this task in four years. Plus, he designed the dome of St. Peter's Basilica and the Medici Chapel, even though he wasn't an architect by trade. He was also a poet and engineer. He was also a poet and engineer. For all these reasons, Michelangelo is counted as one of the top three artists of the period.

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CRACKING THE CODE

Unscramble the words below that are from our lesson today!
You can check your answers at the bottom.

WORD BANK

architect David Michelangelo
Pieta fresco sculpture

táPie _ _ _ _ _
viaDd _ _ _ _ _
oMliiecghenla _ _ _ _ _
csrfeo _ _ _ _ _
pltscreuu _ _ _ _ _
chitecart _ _ _ _ _

Now, write the letters with red lines under them in the box below
and uscrumble them to solve the hidden message.

Hidden Message:

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(Hint: Name of the painting on the Sistine Chapel wall.)

Hidden Message: Last Judgment

Answers:
1. Pieta 2. David 3. Michelangelo 4. fresco 5. sculpture
6. architect

SOAP CARVING

MATERIALS:

- Paper for drawing and for a work mat
- Bar of soap (Ivory is easiest to work with)
- Scissors
- Marker for drawing
- Mechanical pencil
- Carving tools: paring knife, butter knife, toothpick, cheese grater, cookie cutters for shapes, paper clip, bobby pin, etc.
- Paint brush
- Water



DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the soap on top of the piece of paper and trace the rectangle shape of the soap.
2. Next use a pencil to draw your design on the paper within the soap's rectangle.
3. Cut out the shape design and place on top of the soap.
4. Using a marker, trace the design on the bar of soap.
5. Follow the marker lines of your design with pencil or toothpick.
6. Cut off the large outside edges.
7. Shave off any little pieces around the design using the paper clip.
8. Use the cheese grater to shave off any unwanted thickness.
9. Polish the sculpture with your finger and water.



For more detailed information, these videos may help:

- Step-by-Step Process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlonSS210Qs>
- Video from the Metropolitan Museum of Art: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y17RweezGi8>

DRAWING: HEAD OF MICHELANGELO'S DAVID

Watch this Drawing Tutorial and follow the directions: How to Draw a Face: Michelangelo's David: Narrated [Drawing Tutorial - Bing video](#)



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To learn more about Michelangelo, click on the links below:

- Michelangelo for Kids: [Michelangelo for Kids --Famous Artists For Kids - YouTube](#)
- Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abW2kZ5_Eww
- View an M&G video on the life of Michelangelo: [The High Renaissance: Michelangelo - Museum & Gallery \(museumandgallery.org\)](#)

To learn more about some of the other great artists of the Renaissance, click on the links below:

- View an M&G video on the life of Raphael: [The High Renaissance: Raphael - Museum & Gallery \(museumandgallery.org\)](#)
- Raphael for Kids: [Raphael for Kids --Famous Artists For Kids - YouTube](#)
- View an M&G video on the life of Leonardo DaVinci: [The High Renaissance: Leonardo da Vinci - Museum & Gallery \(museumandgallery.org\)](#)

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