

Renaissance man

Leonardo da Vinci was a man before his time, and (0) was considered to be a genius. He became renowned for his multiple talents: he was (1) _____ painter, architect, engineer, mathematician and inventor.

He was born in Vinci, near (2) _____ Italian city of Florence, in 1452. While he was at school, his teachers quickly noticed his curiosity and his inquiring mind. (3) _____ a youngster, he also displayed a talent for drawing. On reaching his fourteenth birthday, Leonardo was apprenticed to Verrochio, a master painter and sculptor, (4) _____ studio was in Florence. Then he worked for the Duke of Milan and later moved to France, where he died in 1519, at (5) _____ age of 67.

He is widely regarded as (6) _____ of the greatest painters in the world. As an engineer and inventor, he was ahead (7) _____ his time. He drew designs for machines that would only be invented centuries later, (8) _____ as a helicopter, a calculator, and a tank.