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## A Renaissance of Culture and Ideas: Contrasting with the Middle Ages

### Short Answer Key

1. In the Middle Ages, art often focused on religious themes and was symbolic, while in the Renaissance, art emphasized realism and depth.
2. Humanism in the Renaissance celebrated human potential and encouraged the study of classical texts and literature.
3. One famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci is the Mona Lisa, known for its realistic portrayal of a woman with an enigmatic smile.
4. The invention of the printing press allowed for the mass production of books, making knowledge more accessible and contributing to the spread of Renaissance ideas.
5. Leonardo da Vinci contributed to art through his realistic paintings and to science through his scientific observations and inventions.

