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Renaissance Giants: Exploring Prominent Figures of the Age

Short Answer Key

1. Leonardo da Vinci's famous paintings include the "Mona Lisa," known for its enigmatic smile, and "The Last Supper," a powerful depiction of the moment Jesus revealed his impending betrayal to his disciples.
2. Leonardo da Vinci explored various scientific disciplines, including anatomy, botany, geology, and engineering. His contributions included detailed anatomical studies and innovative inventions.
3. The "Vitruvian Man" drawing by Leonardo da Vinci illustrates the ideal proportions of the human body within both a square and a circle, symbolizing the Renaissance's intersection of art and science.
4. Galileo Galilei is known for advancing our understanding of celestial bodies and defending the heliocentric model of the solar system during the Renaissance.
5. Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press revolutionized the dissemination of knowledge by allowing books to be produced quickly and inexpensively, contributing to the spread of Renaissance ideas.

