

Leonardo da Vinci

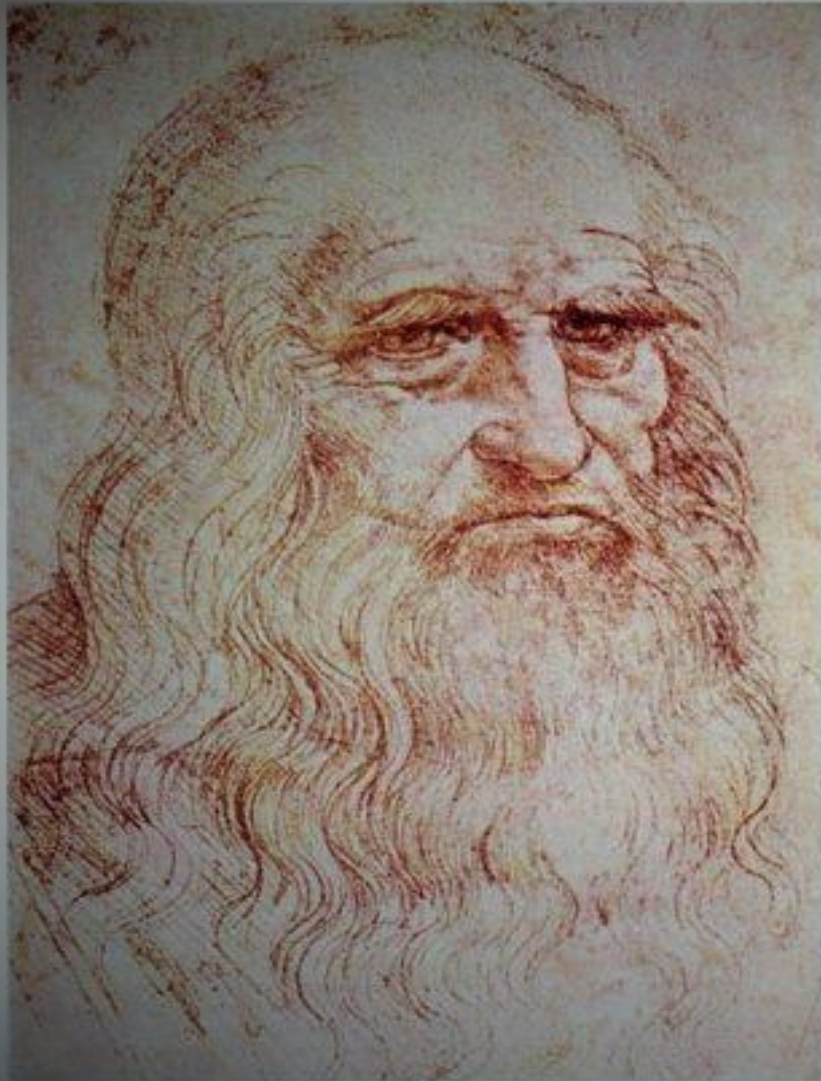
*A designer and a painter fascinated
by nature*

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**Let's meet
this great
genius
through the
portraits
that other
artists such
as
Raffaello
and
Francesco
Melzi one of
the best
Leonardo's
student
made of him**



Two self portraits: one is authentic and one is attributed to Leonardo

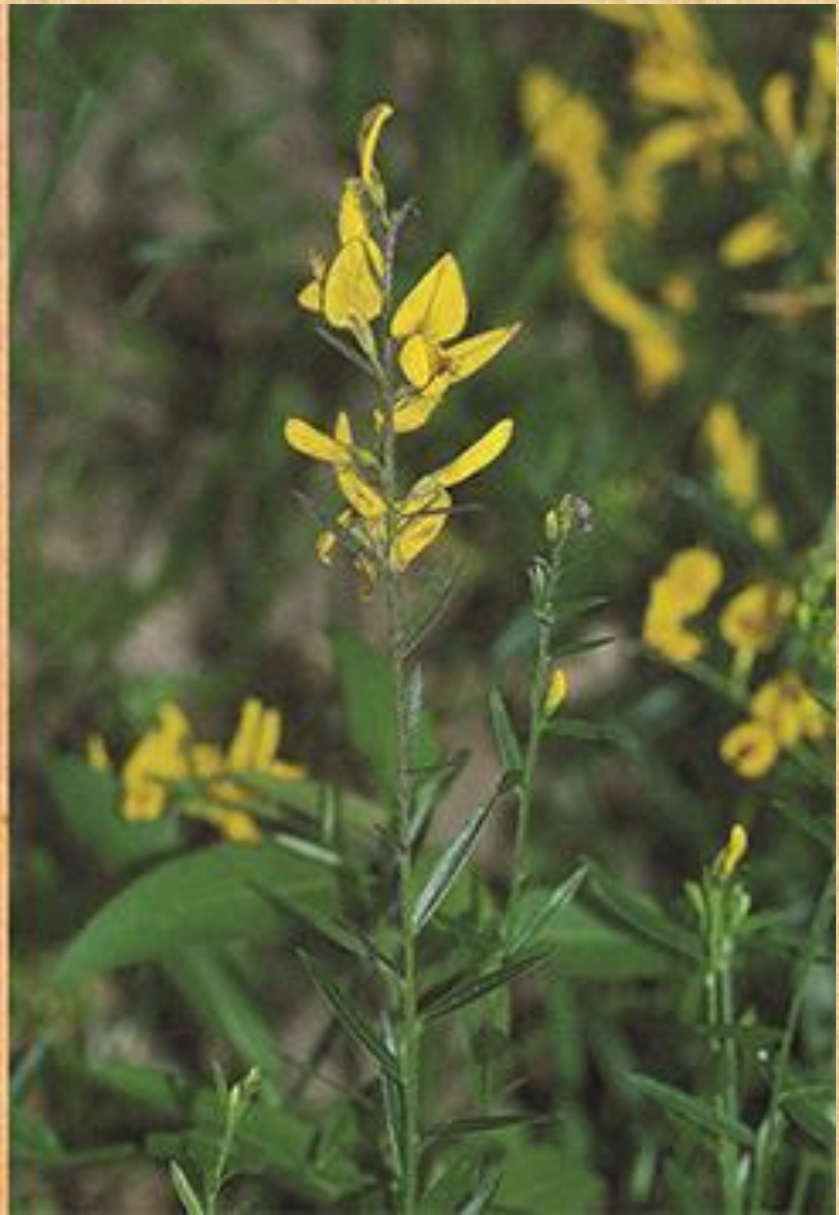


Leonardo observer and designer

- Leonardo was born in 1452 the son of a rich Notary and a young poor farmer.
- He spent his childhood in the countryhome living in the house of his paternal grandparents. His grandparents and his uncle raised him with much love.
- Leonardo spent his young years outdoor **OBSERVING** plants and animals attentively, and **DRAWING** these natural elements on paper sheets.
- Being the son of a Notary, he was lucky enough to have plenty of paper to draw on. Paper was not at all so common back then.

Leonardo as an observer and designer of plants and flowers: Stars of Bethlehem





Broom (Genisteae)



Brunched Bur-Reed



Oak

**Leonardo the
portraitist.
Carefully observe
these paintings:
La belle
Ferronniere**



**Cecilia
Gallerani,
is a lady
holding an
ermine**



**Leonardo
portraitist
focuses
his
attention
on nature:
Ginevra
Benci's
portrait is
in front of
a juniper
bush**



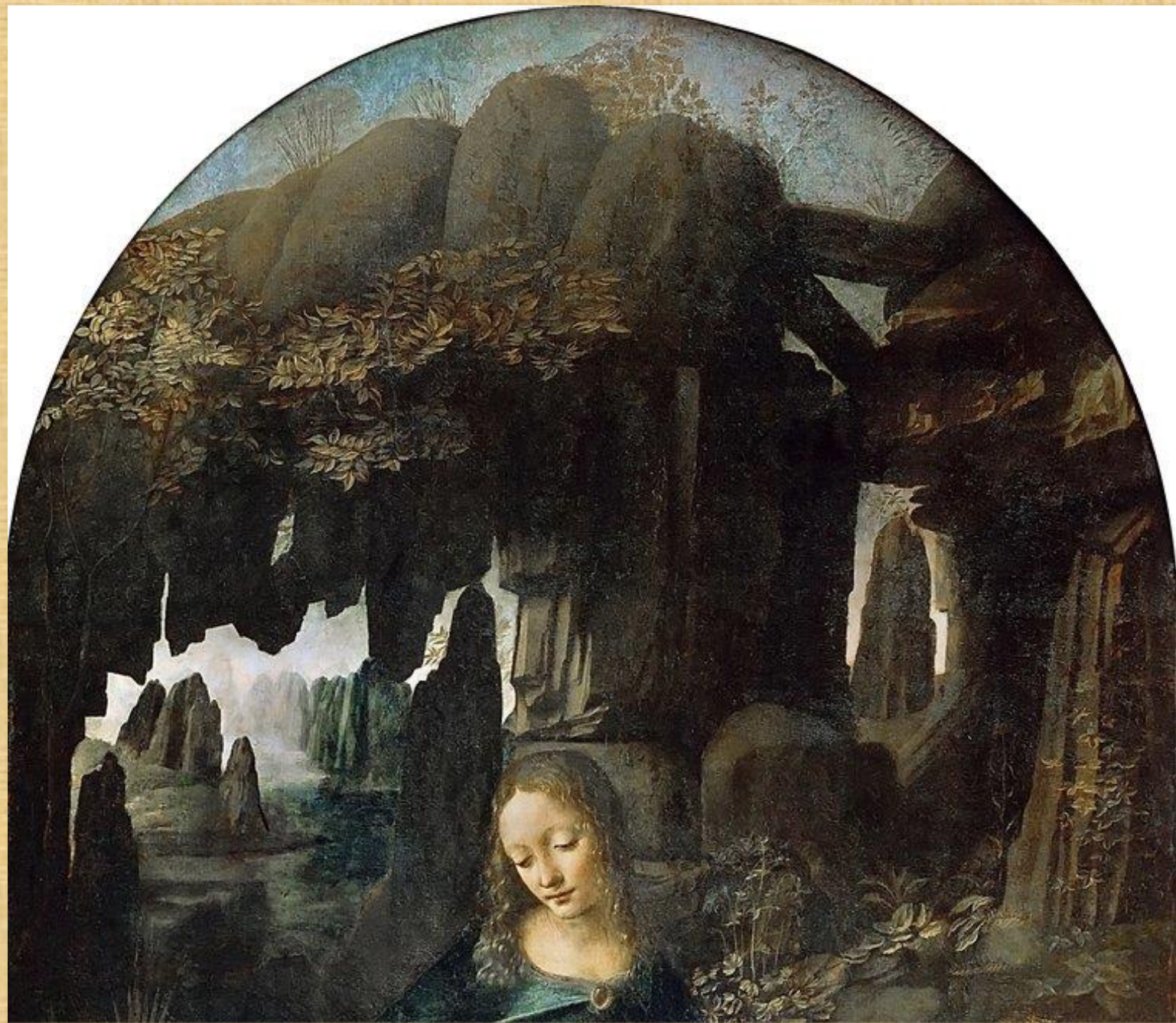
**Look at the
nature in
the
background
of Ginevra's
portrait**



The Virgin of the rocks



**The rocks
painted
behind
the Virgin
display
the
expertise
of a
geologist**



In the painting the Virgin of the rocks you can detect water plants like the Iris which grow next to waters.



**La Gioconda:
let's look
beyond
Monnalisa's
gaze and let's
observe her
background
with rocks,
bushes and a
river.**



**This is Leonardo's
last residence, the
Amboise Castle in
France**



Here you can see the painter studio in the castle. Leonardo brought to France three paintings: Monnalisa, "Saint'Ann, with the Virgin and the baby" and Saint John the Babtist"



**Here are some of Leonardo's
paintings int the nature of Amboise
Castle garden**

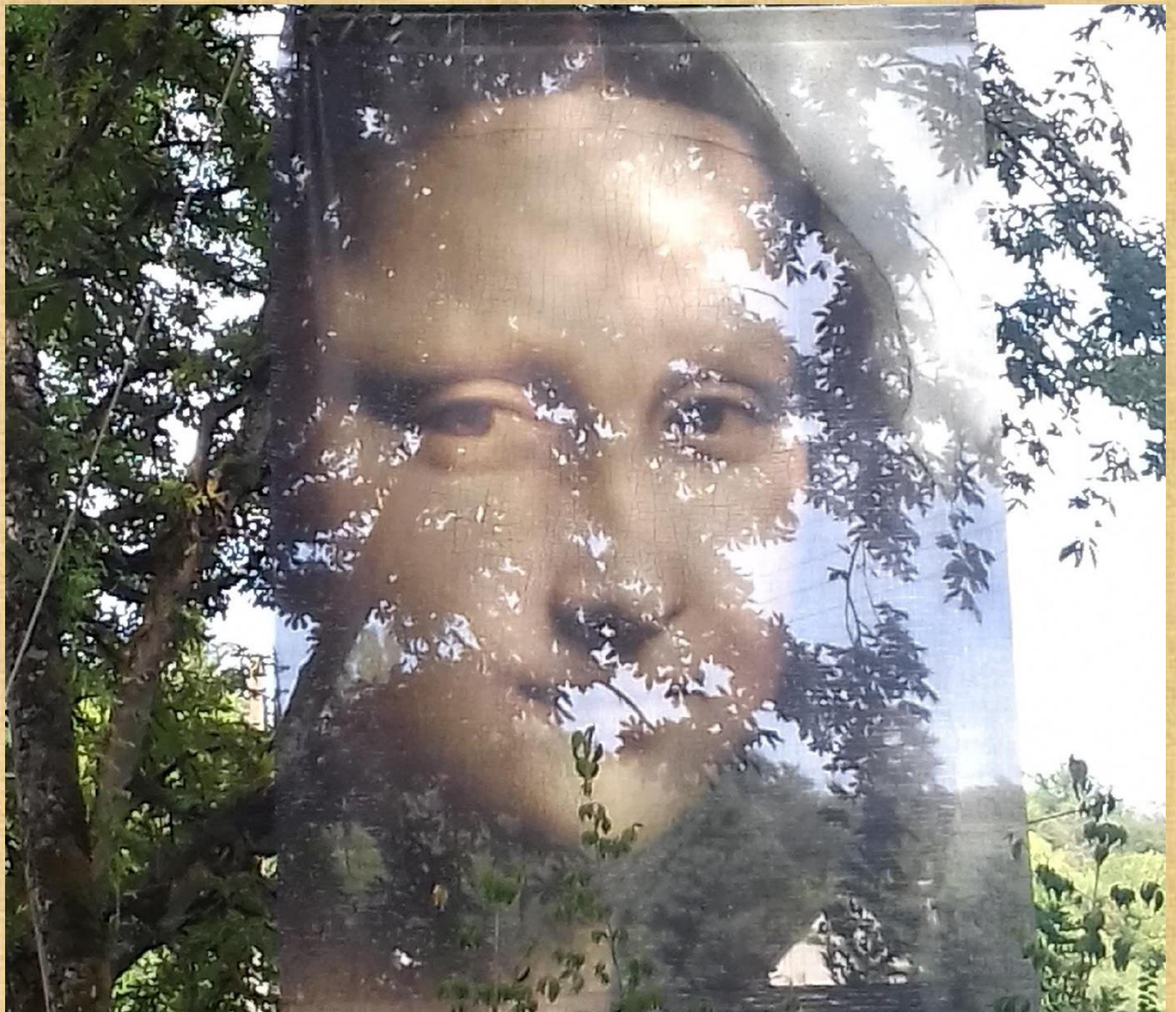
**Can you
spot and
recognize
these
characters?**













Three special Gioconda



Stefano Boccato
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/ with a Pearl Earring
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