



- 1. The Divine Comedy is an epic poem written by...**

Dante Alighieri

Alessandro Manzoni

Giovanni Boccaccio

- 2. Who wrote the novel *I promessi sposi* (The Betrothed)?**

Giacomo Leopardi

Alessandro Manzoni

Ugo Foscolo

- 3. What's the name of Machiavelli's masterpiece?**

The Art of War

The Prince

History of Florence

1. Dante Alighieri

Dante Alighieri is considered the father of Italian literature.

2. Alessandro Manzoni

In Italy the novel is considered a true masterpiece and a basis for the modern Italian language.

3. The Prince

The Prince is one of the world's most famous essays on political science.



1. The most famous poem of Saint Francis of Assisi is...

Brother Sun, Sister Moon

Canticle of the Moon

Canticle of the Creatures

2. Who was the last Italian Nobel Prize laureate in literature?

Luigi Pirandello

Dario Fo

Grazia Deledda

**3. Who wrote L'Orlando furioso?
(The Frenzy of Orlando)**

Angelo Poliziano

Niccolò Machiavelli

Ludovico Ariosto

1. Canticle of the Creatures

2. Dario Fo

Dario Fo is an Italian satirist, dramatist, theater director, actor and composer.

3. Ludovico Ariosto

This epic poem describes the adventures of Charlemagne, Orlando and the Franks and their battle against the Saracens.



1. « The Sistine Chapel » is famous for...

St Peter's statue

Michelangelo's « Last Judgement »

Its heavy bronze doors

2. Romanesque architectural style derives

from France

from Romans

from Spain

3. The Italian Renaissance characterized

15th and 16th centuries

20th century

21st century

**1. Michelangelo's ceiling painting
« The Last Judgement »**

Today it is the site of the Papal conclave, the process by which a new Pope is selected.

**2. Derives from Roman
architectural traditions**

3. 15th and 16th centuries



1. The Coliseum is...

in Rome
in Siracusa
in Lecce

2. Why is Andrea Palladio famous?

invention of concrete
painting
architecture

3. Lorenzo Bernini is famous for...

the colonnade of St Peter
the fresco of the Last Supper
the Leaning Tower of Pisa

1. In Rome

The «Colosseo» or Flavian Amphitheatre is an elliptical amphitheatre, the largest ever built in the Roman Empire.

2. Architecture

The city of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

3. The colonnade of St Peter

He was one of the greatest city architects, sculptors, fountain designers, and artists of the 17th century.



1. How are Antonio Vivaldi's 4 concerti grossi known as today?

The Four Seasons

The Messiah

The Traviata

2. Who painted Mona Lisa?

Michelangelo

Caravaggio

Leonardo da Vinci

3. Who composed Madame Butterfly?

Guglielmo Rossini

Giacomo Puccini

Giuseppe Verdi

1. The Four Seasons

Vivaldi was an Italian Baroque composer, priest and virtuoso violinist, born in Venice.

2. Leonardo da Vinci

3. Giacomo Puccini

He also composed La bohème, Tosca and Turandot.



1. What was named after Alessandro Volta?

- a racing bike*
- a dance*
- a unit of electricity*

2. Who was Fibonacci?

- a mathematician*
- a car designer*
- a singer*

3. The physicist involved in the project of the atomic bomb was...

- Alessandro Volta*
- Evangelista Torricelli*
- Enrico Fermi*

1. A unit of electricity

Volta was the inventor of the voltaic pile, the first electric battery. He also discovered and isolated methane gas.

2. A mathematician

He is known for spreading the Hindu-Arabic numeral system in Europe and for a number sequence named the Fibonacci numbers.

3. Enrico Fermi

Fermi was a central figure in the Manhattan Project to build the first atomic bomb with Robert Oppenheimer.



- 1. Which of the following was an Italian architect?**

Le Corbusier

Lorenzo Bernini

Oscar Niemeyer

- 2. Which of the following is a famous Italian explorer?**

Cristoforo Colombo

Vasco De Gama

Ferdinando Magellano

- 3. The Italian scientist declared heretic by the Vatican was...**

Leonardo Da Vinci

Galileo Galilei

Michelangelo Buonarroti

1. Lorenzo Bernini

2. Cristoforo Colombo

3. Galileo Galilei

He was the Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher who played a major role in the Scientific Revolution.



1. Which of these theatres is the temple of the ballet?

Teatro Regio di Parma

Teatro alla Scala di Milano

Teatro Petruzzelli di Bari

2. Who invented a new pedagogical method?

Maria Montessori

Rita Levi Montalcini

Grazia Deledda

3. The opera «Aida» was composed by...

Giacomo Puccini

Pietro Mascagni

Giuseppe Verdi

1. Teatro alla Scala di Milano

It is still recognised as one of the leading opera and ballet theatres in the world.

2. Maria Montessori

Montessori education is practiced in estimated 20,000 schools worldwide.

3. Giuseppe Verdi

He was the leading composer of opera in the 19th century, noted for operas such as Rigoletto, La traviata and Otello among others.



1. Who painted «The Birth of Venus» ?

Tiziano
Botticelli
Caravaggio

2. The «Raphael's rooms» are located in

Vatican Museums
Galleria degli Uffizi
Galleria Borghese

3. Who painted Medusa, Bacchus & The Life of St Matthew ?

Raffaello
Michelangelo
Caravaggio

1. Botticelli

The painting is held in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence and depicts a nude Venus standing on a scallop shell.

2. Vatican museums

Famous for their frescoes, they were originally intended as a suite of apartments for Pope Julius II.

3. Caravaggio

His paintings had a formative influence on the Baroque school of painting.



- 1. His name is a synonymous with the art of seduction. Who is?**

Giacomo Casanova

Alessandro Cagliostro

Marcello Mastroianni

- 2. The Name of the Rose is a novel by the Italian author**

Italo Svevo

Luigi Pirandello

Umberto Eco

- 3. The Italian most famous film composer is...**

Sergio Leone

Ennio Morricone

Adriano Celentano

1. Giacomo Casanova

He was a libertine, chiefly remembered as the prince of Italian adventurers.

2. Umberto Eco

It is a historical murder mystery set in an Italian monastery in the year 1327.

3. Ennio Morricone

He received an Honorary Academy Award in 2007 for his lifetime achievements.