

5th GRADE – DA VINCI

Lesson

A look at the life and artwork of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Supplies

- Mirrors in Art Supply Closet
- White paper
- Pens, pencils and markers

Activity – Mirror-Writing

1. Distribute paper, pens and pencils and have students to trying writing their signatures in cursive from right to left. This is challenging! If students have difficulty, try the following:
2. Hold a pencil in each hand. At the same time, write backwards with your usual writing hand while writing forward with the opposite hand. This may help the brain coordinate the movements.
3. Have the students experiment with writing backwards alphabets and backwards sentences.
4. Have them try with pens and markers to make comparisons. Is one easier than the other?
5. Distribute mirrors and show students how to position them to one side of their backwards writing to read it normally.
6. Have students pair up and write secret backwards messages to each other, and see whether the partner decipher the message.

Mona Lisa

If extra time, use the Mona Lisa template and have students color it in.