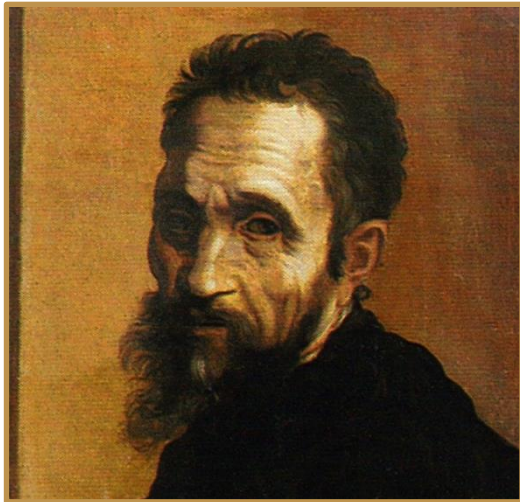




Y4 Art – Michelangelo



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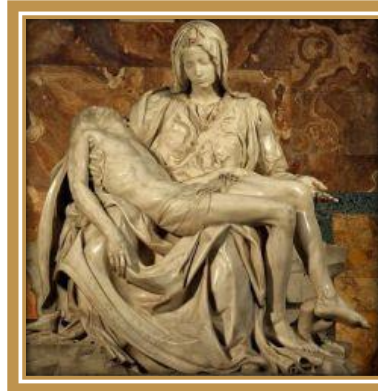
Occupation: Sculptor, Painter, Architect

Born: 6th March 1475 in Caprese, Italy

Died: 18th February 1564 in Rome, Italy

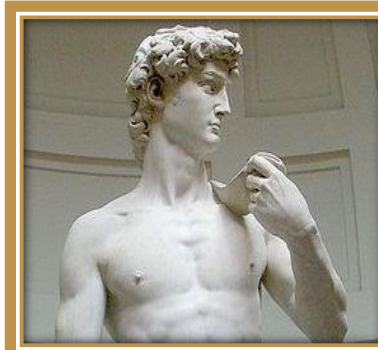
Michelangelo was born in Caprese, Italy 1475. He was still young when his family moved to Florence where he grew up. His mother died when he was only six.

Even as a child, all he wanted to do was paint and be an artist. His father wanted him to go to school but he wasn't interested. At the age of thirteen he became an apprentice with Domenico Ghirlandaio, a painter and artist.



The Pieta

In 1496 Michelangelo moved to Rome. A year later he received a commission to make a sculpture called the Pieta. It would become one of the masterpieces of Renaissance art. It shows Jesus lying in the lap of Mary after his crucifixion. The sculpture can be seen in the Vatican. It is the only piece of art that Michelangelo signed.



Statue of David

David took around two years to finish. It is sculpted out of marble. Michelangelo worked in secrecy, not letting anyone see it until it was finished. The statue became his most famous work of art. It is 13 feet tall and was the largest statue made since Ancient Rome.



The Sistine Chapel

In 1505, Michelangelo returned to Rome. He was commissioned by the Pope to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. He considered himself a sculptor but agreed. He worked for four years, painting upside down on a scaffold in order to finish it. It contains nine scenes from the Bible and over 300 people. It is 141 feet long and 43 feet wide.