* Choose 1 to Answer in RAFT format

What Made Leonardo Da Vinci a Renaissance Man?

As a contributing author for a leading middle school social studies textbook publisher, you feel that it is your duty to teach students about the values and accomplishments of the Renaissance Man. You feel, like almost every other teacher and historian before you, that Leonardo Da Vinci is the perfect example of this. The problem is many middle school students don’t know anything about him. Write a selection to be included in a middle school textbook explaining the criteria of the Renaissance Man and the many ways that Leonardo Da Vinci proves to be the perfect example.

Was Steve Jobs a Renaissance Man?

As an esteemed author, artist, and historian, you have been asked by a leading historical journal to write an article explaining why Steve Jobs was or wasn’t a modern version of the Renaissance Man. Your readers are very intelligent and will require proof to support your opinions. They are also known to behave badly when left unsatisfied. This means that both your personal safety and that of your property are in real danger should you fail to prove your assertions.

**Renaissance Man Definition:**

1) a cultured man of the Renaissance who was   
 knowledgeable, educated, or proficient in a wide   
 range of fields.

2) a present-day man who has acquired profound   
 knowledge or proficiency in more than one field.

**Renaissance Man Project Check Sheet** Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Project should be evidence of your knowledge of The Renaissance era and what it means to be a “Renaissance Man.” In addition it should be evidence of your understanding of the accomplishments of Leonardo De Vinci and/or Steve Jobs.**

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| Circle  YES or NO | Does your project look like its intended source, meaning did you make it look like either a textbook entry or a magazine article? |
| Circle  YES or NO | Is your project high quality? Would you be proud to show off your work to your parents and have it be presented to your peers? Does your project look like it is 6th grade level or above? |
| Circle  YES or NO | Does it prove that you took the time to do research on Steve Jobs and/or Leonardo De Vinci? Did you use multiple sources for your research? (Don’t just go to one website or just to Wikipedia) |
| Circle  YES or NO | Did you inform your audience of what is meant by the phrase “Renaissance Men?” |
| Circle  YES or NO | Are your paragraphs at least 5 sentences that includes an introductory sentence, a closing or summary sentence, and several supporting detail sentences? |
| Circle  YES or NO | Does your written paragraph on your modern day hero prove that you have an understanding of who that person is and their importance to society or personally in your own life? |
| Circle  YES or NO | If you choose the first option of the textbook entry, did you state your evidence of why Leonardo is the perfect example of a Renaissance Ma? Is your entry persuasive? Did you provided several examples and details to support this statement? Did you provide examples of his accomplishments?  If you choose the second option on an article about Steve Jobs, did you clearly state whether or not you felt that he is or is not an example of a Renaissance Man? Did you give evidence and examples to support your stance? Did you provide examples of his accomplishments? |
| Circle  YES or NO | Will the Reader and audience of your project gain any new information on Leonardo De Vinci or Steve Jobs? |
| Circle  A C F | What grade do you believe this quality of work deserves? |
| Circle  A C F | What grade do you predict Ms. Gutscher will give it? |