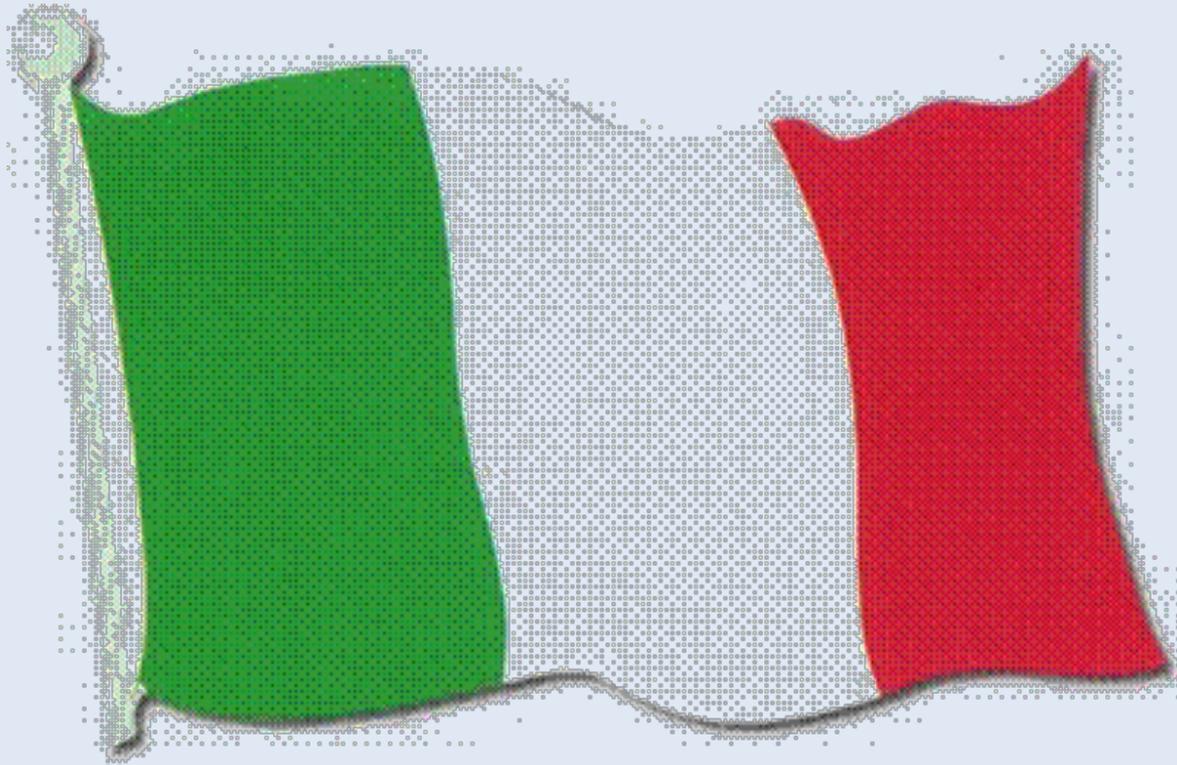


Italy



- Capital City: Rome (the Eternal City)
 - Population: 58 million
 - Language: Italian
 - Currency: Euro
- Government: Democracy/Republic
- Italy is a member of the European Union



- Italy is easy to recognize on any world map, as the **country is shaped like a high-heeled boot**, as you can see on the map above. It looks like the boot is kicking a ball, which is the island of Sicily



Can you find Italy?

Rome

Trevi Fountain



Colosseum



In Venice the streets are waterways
that people travel by gondola.

Venice



Pisa

- The Leaning Tower of Pisa was not supposed to lean at all.
- The architects built it on soft ground, without enough foundations, and as soon as they were done it began to slowly tilt sideways.
- Even today, the tower is still tilting over, little by little, though mostly people have stopped it now with reinforcements to make it stronger.



The Vatican City

- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. It is the home of the pope, who is the head of the Roman Catholic church. From Vatican City the pope directs the government of the church.

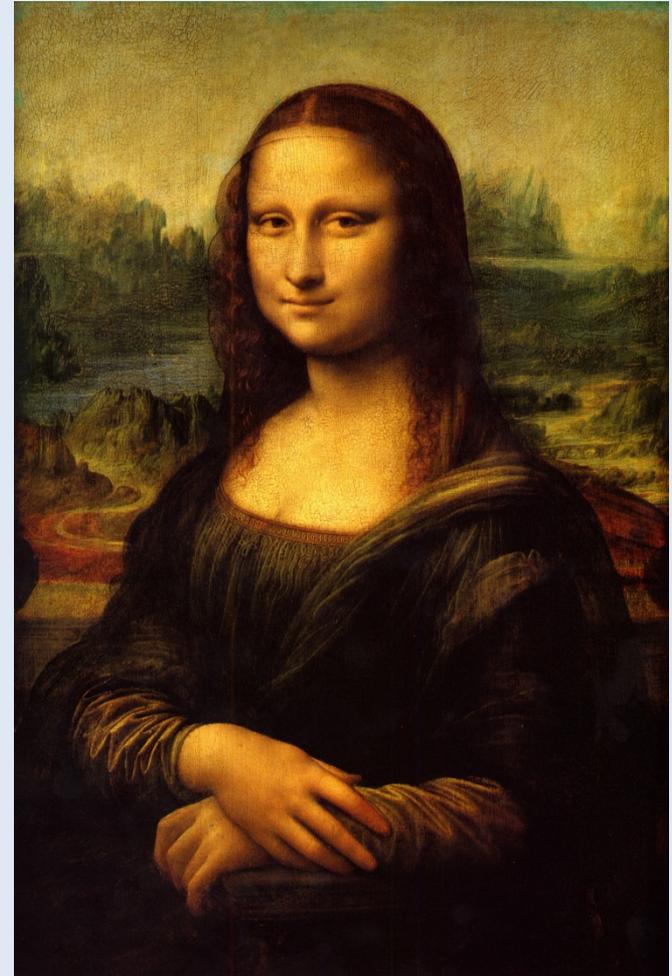


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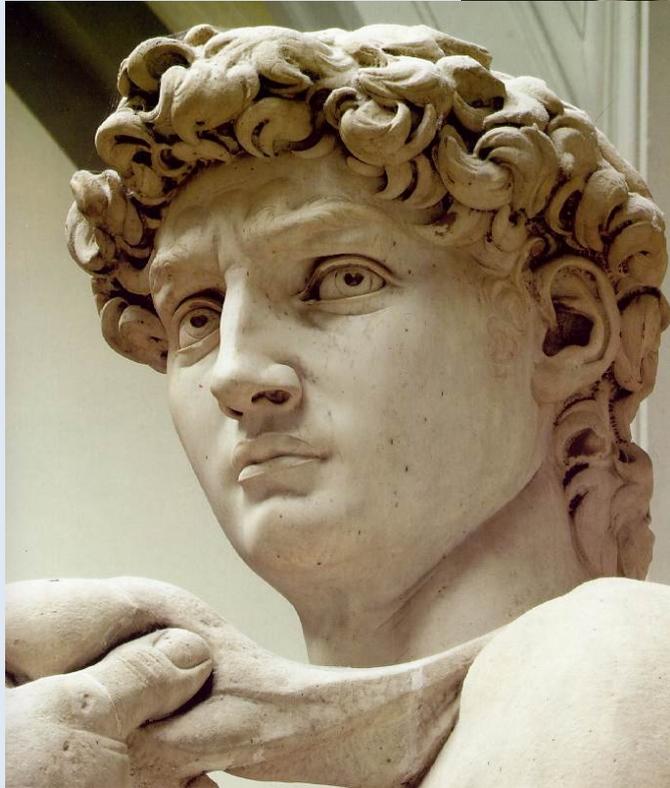
Famous Italians

- Leonardo Da Vinci was a painter, a sculptor, an inventor, architect, engineer, anatomist, botanist and scientist

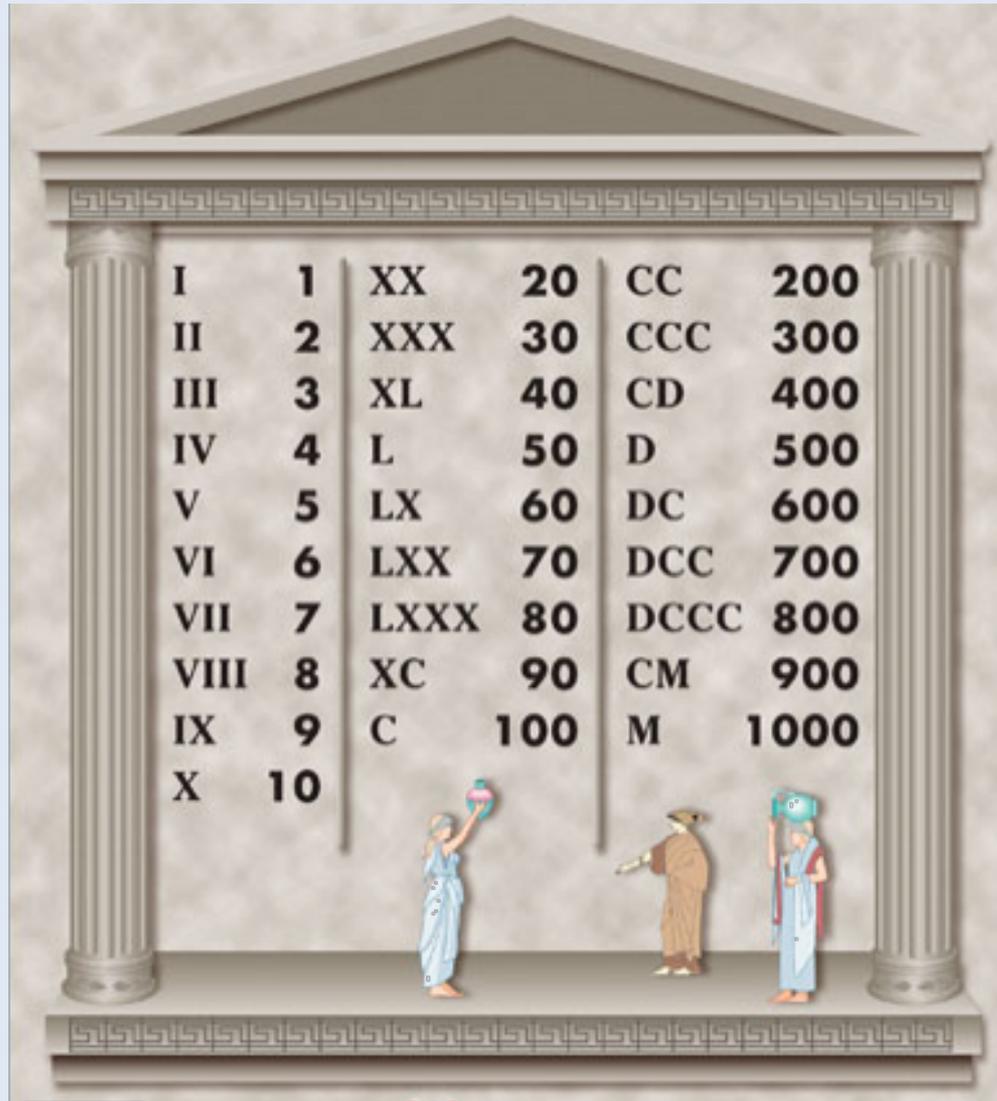


The Mona Lisa (La Gioconda)

Michelangelo



- The ancient Romans gave us this numbering system. We still use it today for dates on buildings, clocks, to number books, for movies and for decorative purposes



- The automobile is one of Italy's greatest products. In addition to the Fiat brand, Fiat owns the Lamborghini, Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo and Chrysler brands.



Food

- Pizza was "invented" in Naples around 1860s.
- Italians love their food and many dishes are based on fresh vegetables and seafood too.



Famous Italian Dishes are:

Gelato, Spaghetti Bolognese, Lasagne and pasta dishes