



SEASON 1 - EPISODE 10

Museum Access: The Leonardo da Vinci Machines Exhibition

Well known as a Renaissance painter over 500 years ago, Leonardo da Vinci also designed many machines during his lifetime. This special exhibition included models of some of his most well known inventions. Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

Question 1

What did da Vinci believe was the most perfect design?

More Talking Points:

1. How did da Vinci learn about the human body?
2. How did he apply what he learned to his lifestyle?

Question 2

Why do you think da Vinci's funders were mostly interested in war machines?

More Talking Points:

1. Name a few of da Vinci's war machine inventions.
2. How did he view his war machines?

Question 3

Da Vinci is said to have designed over 2500 things, many of which are used today. Talk about the inventions you saw and some of their modern applications.

More Talking Points:

1. How did da Vinci's bicycle differ from our modern bicycle?
2. How has technology advanced to replace the man power that some of his inventions required?

Question 4

How do you think da Vinci got his ideas for countless inventions?

More Talking Points:

1. What inspired the design of the Water Organ?
2. What musical instrument could you invent?

Question 5

Discuss some of da Vinci's designs that had both civilian and military applications.

More Talking Points:

1. Why was it important to da Vinci for his designs to be used for both civilian and military purposes?
2. Can you design something that we could all use?

