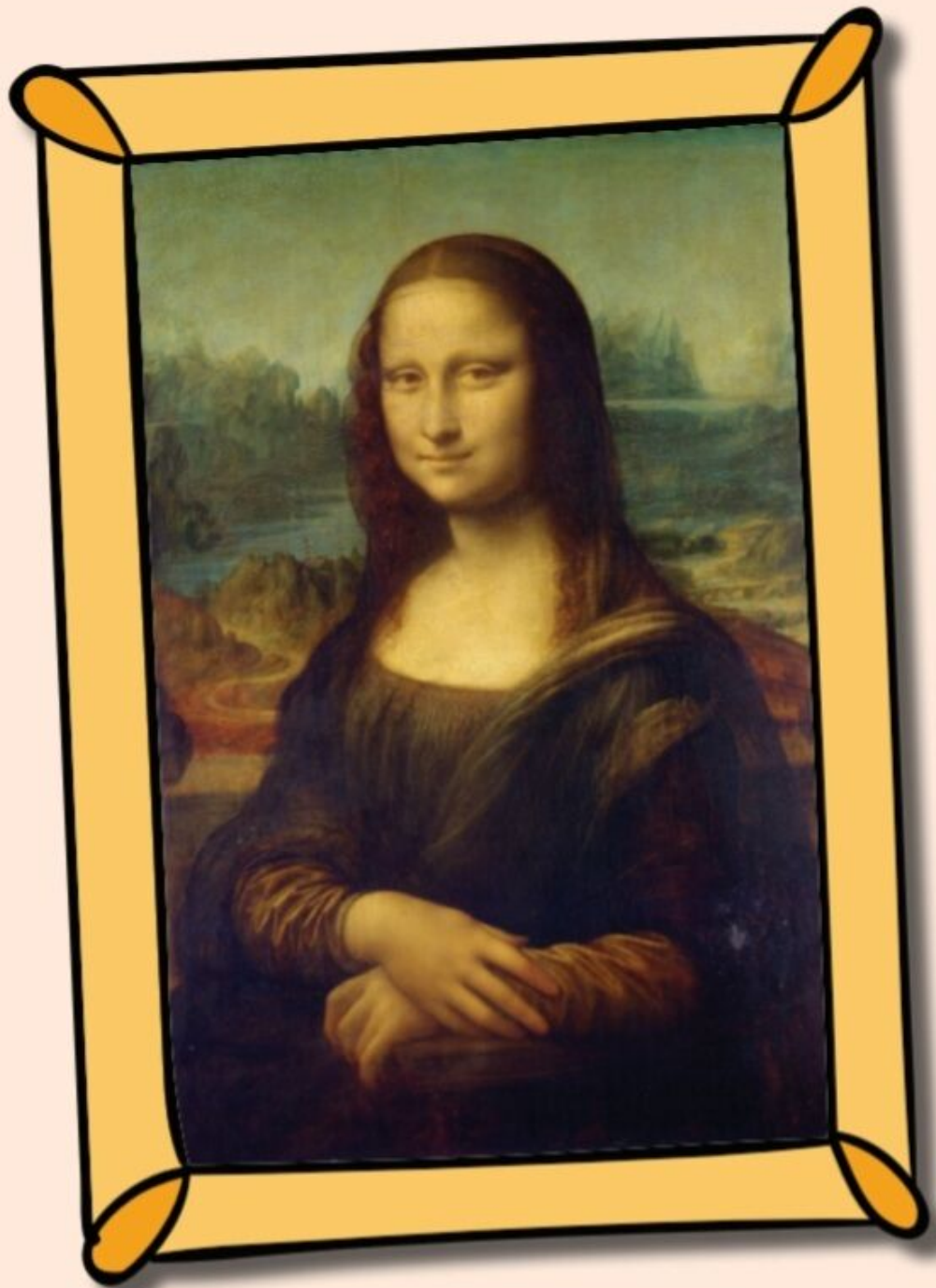


# Mona Lisa



The Mona Lisa is one of the most famous paintings in the world. It was created by world-famous Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci. It was painted around 1503. It is a portrait of the wife of a rich Merchant who lived in Florence, Italy. Her name was More than 30 layers of paint have been used on the painting and some of them are thinner than a human hair. This painting is worth around \$782 million.

## Quick Facts:



- ✎ The subject of the painting has no visible eyebrows or eyelashes. It is believed that they gradually disappeared over time or because of cleaning.
- ✎ This painting shows the most famous smile in the world.
- ✎ Mona Lisa is an English title that has been derived from the Italian word “Mona” which is a short form of the phrase “ma doona”.
- ✎ Mona or Ma doona means “My Lady”.
- ✎ Another name for the Mona Lisa in Italian is La Gioconda and in French is La Joconde which means happy.
- ✎ The Mona Lisa painting is around 500 years old.
- ✎ It took around four years to paint Mona Lisa.
- ✎ Mona Lisa is owned by the French government and is put on display at Louvre Museum.
- ✎ In 2022, an old man went to the museum and smeared cake all over the Mona Lisa. The painting was not damaged because it is protected by a bulletproof glass. The man said he wanted to attract people’s attention to ‘the climate change’.