

Mona Lisa Parodies

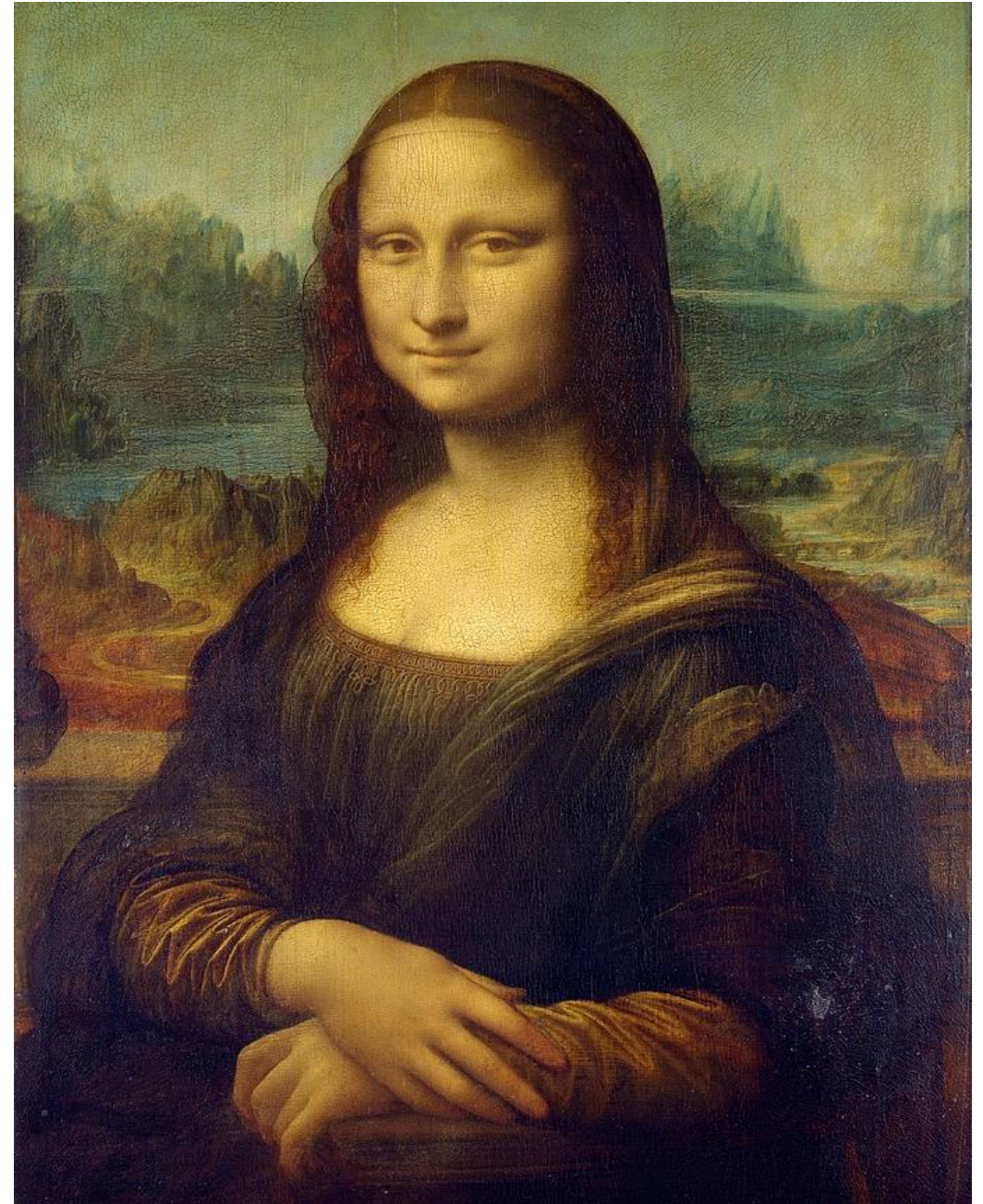
Comic Relief

The Mona Lisa painted by Leonardo da Vinci (1503-1506)

This portrait is considered to be the masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance (15th and 16th centuries) and has been described as the best known, the most visited, most written about, most sung about, and the most parodied work in the world.

The word **PARODY** means when someone imitates or copies the style of a particular writer or artist with deliberate exaggeration for comic effect.

Da Vinci is considered to be a genius for all time, he was an inventor and scientist as well as an artist. He was very well known in his life, like one of our modern day celebrities. Some of his fame rubbed off on the Mona Lisa. Another of the legendary reasons for the Mona Lisa's fame is her smile. The painting is on display in the Louvre in Paris France. It became known around the world when it was stolen in 1911 and was missing for 3 years before it was returned to the Louvre. This brought world wide attention to the painting, making it even more famous. If you are interested there is much to learn about the Mona Lisa and the artists Leonardo da Vinci.







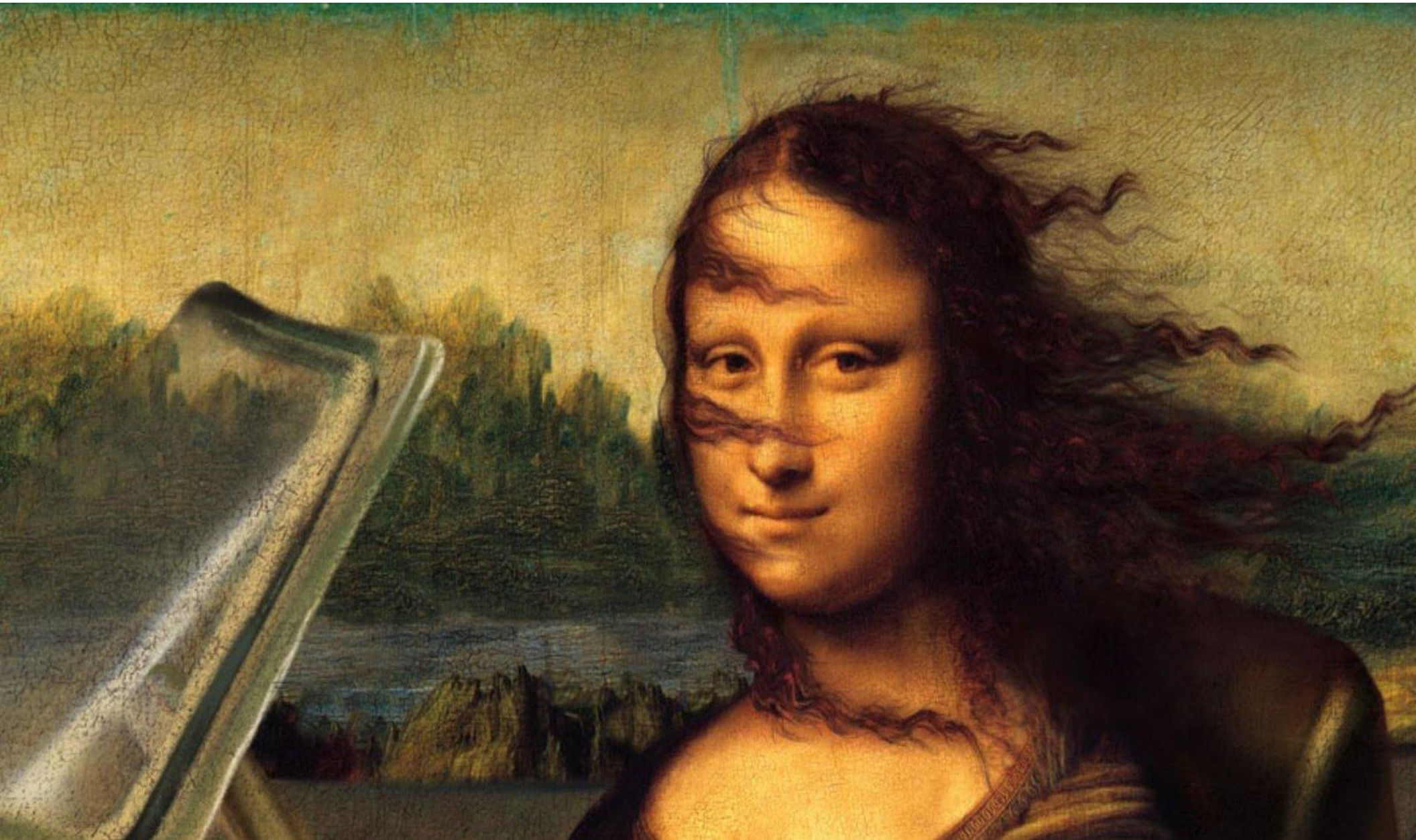










































If you are feeling inspired, study the original painting of the Mona Lisa and grab some art materials and create your own unique **parody** of the Mona Lisa. Have fun!