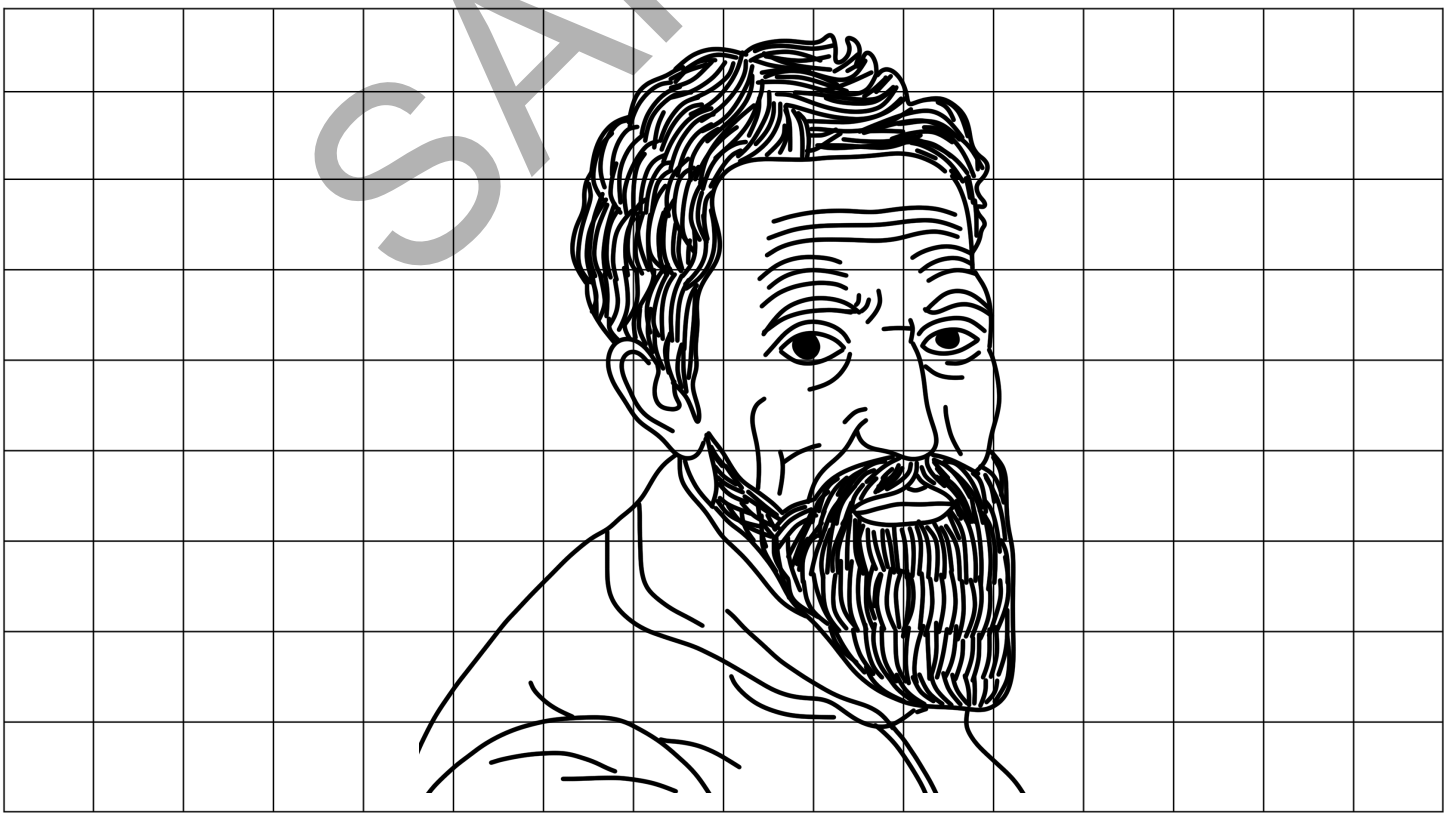
# Michelangelo

It's hard to think of an artist more famous than Michelangelo. He was born in Caprese in what was then the Republic of Florence, on March 6, 1475. He started working at age 12 as an apprentice under a popular Italian painter named Domenico Ghirlandajo and went on to study sculpting with Donatello. He did work for the Medici family and then was commissioned to work with Leonardo da Vinci on a series of battle scene paintings for a government building. Historians have found his sketches for the work but don't believe he ever started painting it.

This was not the end of Michelangelo's commissions for large projects. Pope Julius II gave him a job in 1505 to create 40 marble statues for a tomb, but that project was never completed either. Then Pope Julius II commissioned him to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, which is part of the Vatican. Other artists, including Sandro Botticelli, had already painted parts of the chapel. Michelangelo was not excited about the size of the project, but he began the work in 1508 and finished in 1512, painting scenes from the Bible including the life of Noah and *The Creation of Adam*. Michelangelo went on to create many other sculptures and paintings, but he also studied architecture, supervised part of the construction of St. Peter's Basilica, and wrote poetry. He died in Rome on February 18, 1564, at the age of 88.

Follow these instructions to draw a picture of Michelangelo on the next page like the one shown below:

- Decide if you want to draw the right half of the picture or the left half of the picture and draw it in one of the first two grids. You can draw both if you'd like.
- Now, using a blank grid from the back of the book, try drawing the whole picture.



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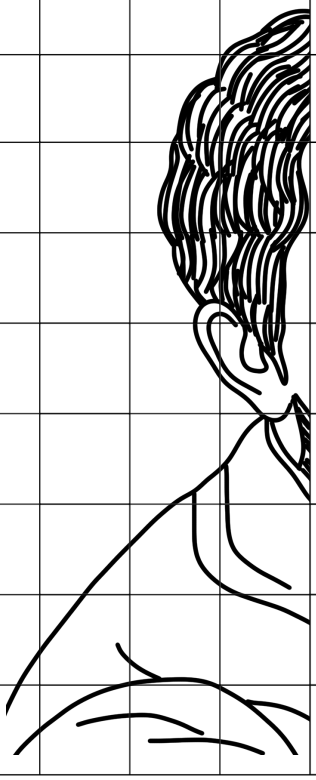

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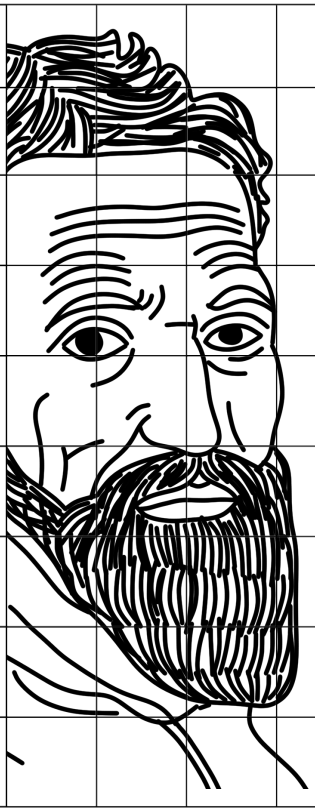

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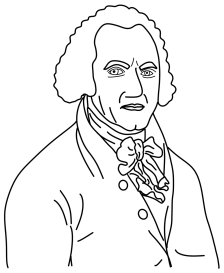

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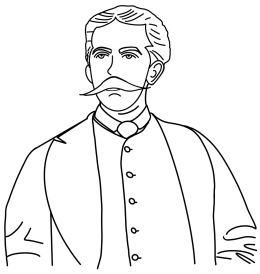
3. Which picture shows Mary Cassatt? Circle it.

4. Which picture shows Michelangelo? Circle it.

5. Which picture shows Claude Monet? Circle it.



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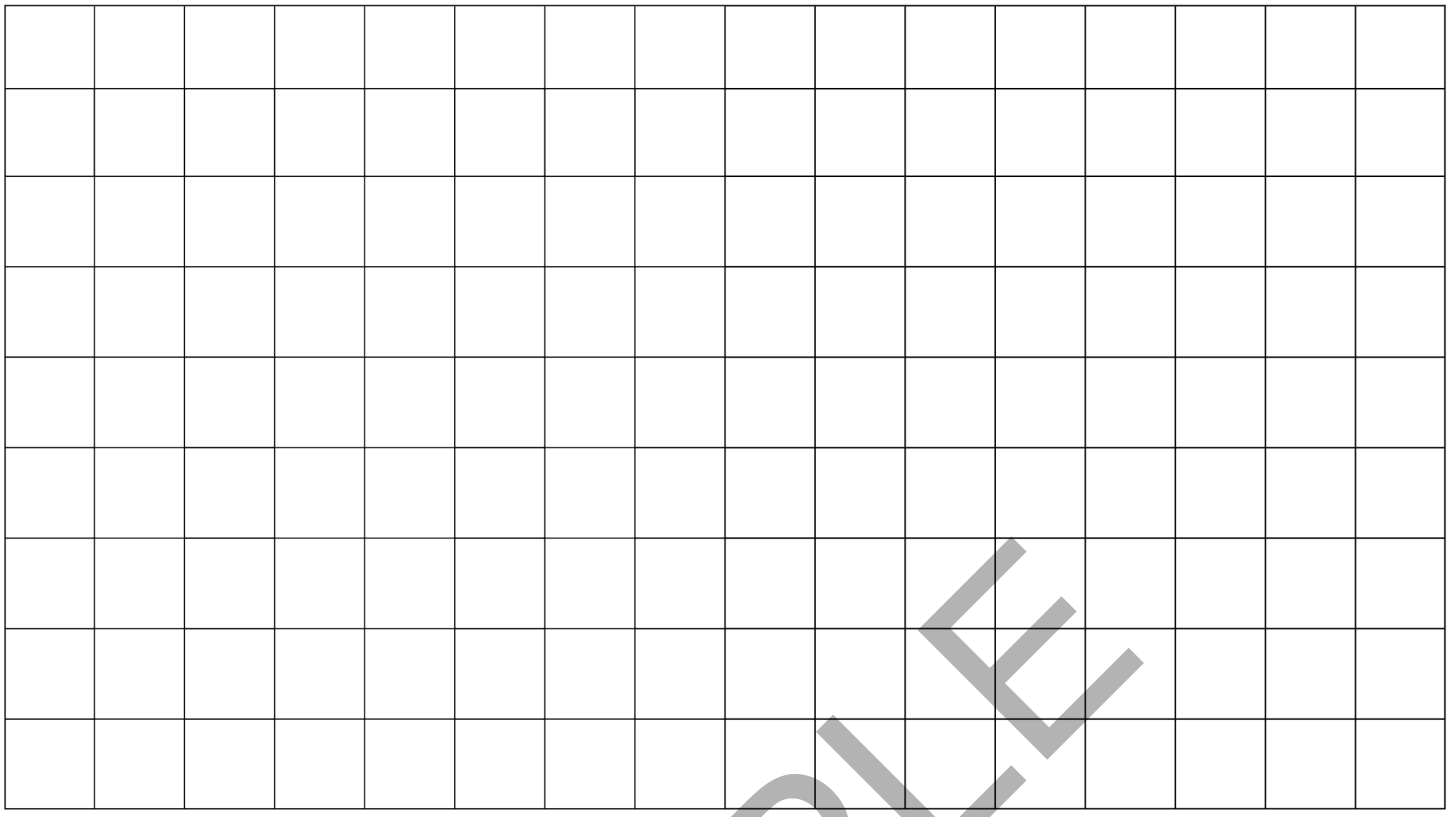

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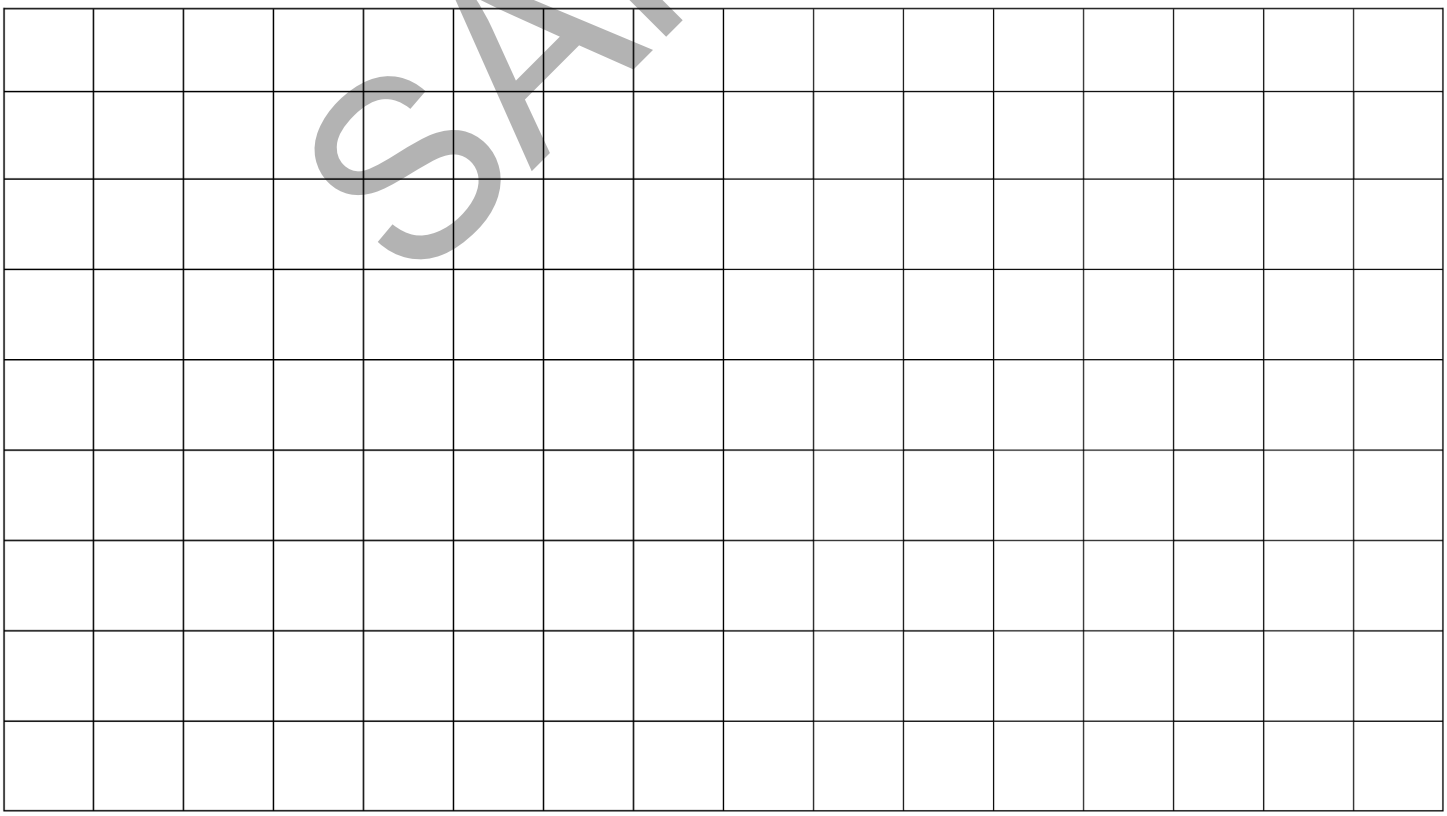

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