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### **Investigazione: Italiani Famosi**

Go to [www.euroclub-schools.org](http://www.euroclub-schools.org). Enter the Italian Zone, Click on Famous Italian People.

By clicking on the titles and reading the web pages, can you answer the following questions?

1. What is the full name of the artist known as 'Caravaggio'?

He used 'light and dark' in his paintings. What is this technique known as in Italian?

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2. In which Italian city and in which year was the scientist Galileo born?

Which of his theories about the sun was not accepted by the Church of the time?

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3. Name one of the operas composed by Giuseppe Verdi.

If translated into English, what would his name mean?

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4. The great poet Dante Alighieri is also known as *Il Sommo Poeta*. What does this mean?

Which literary work is he most famous for?

What is the name of the girl who inspired his writing?

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5. Name one of Michelangelo's statues.

Name the chapel where he painted the ceiling and the altar wall.

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6. Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of Italy, animals and nature. What was his real name?

Which Christmas tradition did he start?

What is the Italian way to say 'Saint Francis'?

Apart from St. Francis, which other saint grew up in Assisi?

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7. Leonardo da Vinci was born in which year?

Name one of his paintings - in Italian and English.

Name his famous drawing of a man. It is named after an architect of Ancient Rome.

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8. The writer Giovanni Boccaccio was inspired to write *Decameron* because of which event?

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How many stories make up *Decameron*?

Which number is significant in *Decameron*?

Write the name that Giovanni gave to a woman he met in Naples. What does the name mean?

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9. The Sicilian writer Giovanni Verga is not only famous for writing books. What else is he famous for?

Which opera is based on one of his stories?

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10. Which Italian writer has two tombs? Where are they? Which one is empty?

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11. Which Italian artist died in France?

Which famous painting has remained in France ever since the artist's death?

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12. Which female is famous for experimenting with magic potions?

Who was her father?

In which year was she born?

What was her nickname?

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13. Which female saint was born in the city of Siracusa in Sicily?

What does her name mean?

When is her feast day?

Sometimes, what does she wear on her head?

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13. Which female from Rome is considered to be a symbol for women's rights?

According to legend, what happens on the anniversary of her death each year?

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14. Which famous Italian received an official apology from the Pope in 1992?

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15. Which famous Italian loved to set birds free from their cages?