



# Technical Meanings

**DIRECTIONS:** Write down the words that have a technical meaning in the field of art. Look up each word. Write the technical meaning.

As a painter, sculptor, architect, inventor, engineer, and draftsman, Leonardo da Vinci was the epitome of the “Renaissance man.” He studied science and nature in order to better represent life in art. His most famous paintings include the “The Last Supper” and the “Mona Lisa.”

“The Last Supper” was commissioned by Ludovico Sforza, the Duke of Milan, in 1495. Da Vinci spent three years painting it on the back wall of a monastery dining hall. His choice of materials, however—tempera and oil on dried plaster, rather than fresco on plaster—proved to be unfortunate. Over the years, the painting deteriorated, and improper attempts at restoration caused further damage. It has since been stabilized by modern conservation techniques.

Word	Technical Meaning
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