

Useful vocabulary

Unit 3

a. Leonardo da Vinci

apprentice (v): to work for an employer for a specific period of time so as to learn the particular skills needed in the job / μαθητεύω

assert (v): to state clearly and definitely that sth is true / διαβεβαιώνω

deteriorate (v): to become worse / αλλοιώνομαι

eclectic (adj): using a wide variety of styles or ideas / ετερόκλητος

encapsulate (v): to express the most important parts of sth in just one object / αποδίδω περιληπτικά

fleeting (adj): brief / φευγαλέος

illegitimate (adj): born to parents who are not married to each other / νόθος

intriguing (adj): very interesting because of being unusual and original / ενδιαφέρων

noble (n): person coming from a family of a high social class / ευγενής

reignite (v): to make sth start burning again / αναζωπυρώνω

startling (adj): extremely unusual and surprising / εκπληκτικός, εντυπωσιακός

b. Michelangelo

altar (n): holy table in a church / Άγιο Τράπεζα

commission (v): to make a formal request to sb to design or make a piece of work / προσλαμβάνω, αναθέτω

expel (v): to force sb to leave a country / αποβάλλω, εκδιώκω

flayed (adj): (of skin) removed from an animal or person / γδαρμένος

magistrate (n): official acting as a judge in the lowest courts of law / ειρηνοδίκης

make one's name (phr): to become well-known or famous / γίνομαι διάσημος

rivalry (n): situation in which two people are competing for the same thing / ανταγωνισμός, αντιπαλότητα

stylized (adj): drawn in a way that is not natural / στημένος, στυλιζαρισμένος

summon (v): to order sb to come to you / προσκαλώ

unmistakable (adj): that cannot be mistaken for sb/sth else / αδιαμφισβήτητος

c. Sandro Botticelli

calumny (n): false statement about sb made to damage their reputation / ουκοφαντία, δυσφήμιση

Communion (n): the service of Christian worship at which bread and wine are consecrated and shared / Μετάληψη με Θεία Κοινωνία

crucifixion (n): the act of killing sb by fastening them to a cross / σταύρωση

distinct (adj): clearly different or of a different kind / ξεχωριστός

distinction (n): quality of being sth that is special / διάκριση

esteemed (adj): respected and admired / που απολαμβάνει θαυμασμό και σεβασμό

feel (n): impression given by sth / αίσθηση

goldsmith (n): professional who makes or repairs things made of gold / χρυσοχόος

masterful (adj): performing tasks very skilfully / δεξιотехνικός

Nativity (n): the birth of Jesus Christ (and picture representing it) / Θεία Γέννηση

pagan (adj): related to religious beliefs that are not part of any of the world's main religions / παγανιστικός

tackle (v): to make determined efforts to deal with sth / αντιμετωπίζω

tanner (n): professional who turns animal skin into leather by treating it with chemicals / βυρσοδέψης

unaccomplished (adj): showing little skill / που δεν έχει καταφέρει πολλά

undergo (v): to experience sth, especially a change / υποβάλλομαι, υφίσταμαι

d. Raphael

acknowledged (adj): recognised as important / αναγνωρισμένος

altarpiece (n): painting or other work of art designed to be set above and behind an altar / εκκλησιαστικός διάκοσμος

fuel (v): inflame / πυροδοτώ

glittering (adj): very impressive and successful / γυαλιστερός, αστραφτερός

patron (n): person giving financial or other support to an artist, a writer, organization, or cause / χορηγός, χρηματοδότης

successive (adj): following immediately one after the other / διαδοχικός

untimely (adj): happening at an unsuitable time / πρόωπος, παράκαιρος

e. Andrea del Verrocchio

attribute (v): to say or believe that sb is responsible for producing sth / αποδίδω

devotional (adj): connected with or used in religious services / λατρευτικός

equestrian (adj): connected with riding horses / ιππικός

surpass (v): to do or be better than sb/sth / ξεπερνάω, υπερέχω