Leonardo da Vinci was deeply interested in how things work. He studied how muscles move, how veins are arranged in a leaf. Among his most famous works are the Mona Lisa, and the Last Supper only 17 of his paintings still survive. Michelangelo Buonarrotie David, And also the sistine chapel. Raphael His greatest achievements fill the library in the Vatican He died on his 47th birthday. Renaissance Literature Renaissance writers began to develop the techniques still used today. Writing in the vernacular Wrote for self-expression and portrayed the individuality of their subjects. Dante began writing his work in Italian instead of classical Latin. Niccolo Machiavelli wrote a political guidebook entitled the Prince. How to gain and keep power. Keep friends close, and your enemies closer Political effectiveness over political correctness. Women writers of the Renaissance wrote about personal subjects, not politics. Vittoria Colonna wrote sonnets with Michelangelo and helped to publish the Courier.