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READING PREDICTION

You are going to read a text which has been split up into individual phrases. First cover the whole of the text apart from the title and Question 1. Answer the question, then uncover the next line and check your prediction. Continue in the same way, uncovering only one line at a time.

TITLE : LEONARDO AND HIS TIMES

Q1 What kind of information do you expect to find in this text?

Leonardo lived from 1452 to 1519.

Q2 What information about Leonardo are we going to be given next?

He was born near the small town of Vinci, which

Q3 Which what?

lies between Pisa and Florence. His father was a young lawyer.

Q4 The next sentence will be about his a) sister? b) brother? c) mother? d) grandfather?

We cannot be sure who his mother was

Q5 Which word will probably come next?

but it is likely she was a village girl.

Q6 Why don't we know more about Leonardo's mother?

Leonardo's father did not marry his mother; instead

Q7 What do you think he did instead?

he married into a good family of Florence.

Q8 Are we going to be told anything about this marriage? What?

This marriage was childless; only in his last marriage, more than twenty years afterwards,

Q9 Look at the grammar of this last sentence. What is the next word going to be?

did Leonardo's father have children again. Leonardo was thus

- Q10 The writer will now
 - a) give an example?
 - b) begin a new topic?
 - c) describe a result?

his father's only child all through his chilhood and youth.

Q11 Why are we being told all this?

What did his age think about his illegitimacy?

Q12 What does the question mark tell you about what comes next?

The answer is that illegitimacy itself was a commonplace.

- Q13 Is the next sentence going to be
 - a) an example?
 - b) a comparison?

Men were proud of making their own way and indeed

Q14 What do people often do when they are proud?

many cardinals and well-known artists such as Leon Battista Alberty boasted that Q15 What?

they were born out of wedlock. Indeed

Q16 Will the writer move on to a new topic now?

these men frequently wielded a power which was as

- Q17 The writer will now
 - a) give an example?
 - b) make a comparison?

illegitimate as their birth.