

## UNIT 3

### Renaissance art and artists



1. the Renaissance = the period in Europe during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries when people became interested in the ideas and culture of ancient Greece and Rome and used these influences in their own art, literature, etc. *Renaissance art*. Αναγέννηση
2. the Middle Ages = a period in European history, between about AD 1000 and AD 1500, when the power of kings, people of high rank, and the Christian Church was strong. Μεσαίωνας
3. sculptor = a person who makes sculptures. *Henry Moore, who died in 1986, is one of Britain's best-known sculptors*. γλύπτης
4. notably = especially or most importantly. *The company is beginning to attract investors, most notably big Japanese banks*. ιδίως, ιδιαίτερα, κυρίως, ειδικά
5. fresco = (a picture made by) painting on wet plaster on a wall or ceiling. *Michelangelo's famous frescoes are in the Sistine Chapel*. τοιχογραφία, νωπογραφία
6. the Sistine Chapel = Καπέλα Σιστίνα
7. notable = deserving to be noticed or to receive attention; important. *His eyes are his most notable feature*. αξιοσημείωτος, αξιόλογος, σημαντικός
8. field = a particular subject or activity that somebody works in or is interested in. *She works in the field of adult education*. τομέας, πεδίο
9. literature = pieces of writing that are valued as works of art, especially novels, plays and poems (in contrast to technical books and newspapers, magazines, etc.) *English/French literature/ children's literature*. λογοτεχνία
10. stability = the quality or state of being steady and not changing or being upset in any way (= the quality of being stable). *Being back with their family should provide emotional stability for the children*. σταθερότητα, ισορροπία
11. lamentation = an expression of feeling very sad or disappointed. *lamentations from the team's supporters about their failure*. θρήνος



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12. influential = having a lot of influence on someone or something. *Johnson was influential (= important) in persuading the producers to put money into the film.*

που έχει επιρροή, ισχυρός, σημαντικός

13. immensely = extremely; very much. *immensely popular/difficult/grateful.* πάρα πολύ, ιδιαίτερα

14. illegitimate = born to parents who are not married to

each other. *Ben's first daughter was illegitimate, because he was too young then to get married and his parents sent him abroad to keep him away from his girlfriend and their baby.* εξώγαμος, νόθος

15. be apprenticed (to sb) (as sth) = a young person who works for an employer for a fixed period of time in order to learn the particular skills needed in their job (apprentice chef). *He was apprenticed to his uncle as a carpenter.* μαθητευόμενος

16. ruling = having control over a particular group, country, etc. *the ruling class/elite.* Κυβερνήτων

17. spiritual = relating to the spirit/ religious. *There is a spiritual dimension to her poetry/ She went to India on a spiritual quest.* πνευματικός

18. deteriorate = to become worse. *She was taken into hospital last week when her condition suddenly deteriorated.* επιδεινώνομαι, χειροτερεύω

19. restoration = the act or process of returning something to its earlier good condition or position, or to its owner. *Restoration work on the Sistine Chapel ceiling is now complete.* αποκατάσταση

20. intriguing = very interesting because of being unusual or not having an obvious answer. *She has a really intriguing personality.* ενδιαφέρων

21. noble (n) = a person of the highest social group in some countries, aristocrat. *The regime was supported by a group of powerful nobles.* ευγενής

22. to no avail = without any success or any effect. *The students asked the school to help them raise the money, but to no avail.* μάταια

23. fleeting = lasting only a short time, brief. *a fleeting glimpse/smile.* φευγαλέος

24. faint = that cannot be clearly seen, heard or smelt. *a faint smell of perfume.* αμυδρός, ανεπαίσθητος

25. capture = to photograph, film, record, paint, etc. somebody/something. *The photographer's camera captures images of extreme beauty.* "συλλαμβάνω"

26. encapsulate = to express the most important parts of something in a few words, a small space or a single object. *The poem encapsulates many of the central themes of her writing.* περικλείω, αποδίδω

27. tremendous = very great in amount or level, or extremely good. *They were making a tremendous amount of noise last night.* τεράστιος, φοβερός

28. surviving = to continue to live or exist. *She was the last surviving member of the family.* επιζών

29. primarily = mainly. *a course designed primarily for specialists.* κυρίως, κατά κύριο λόγο

30. reveal = to make something known to somebody. *to reveal a secret.* αποκαλύπτω, φανερώνω

31. eclectic = varied, not following one style or set of ideas but choosing from or using a wide variety. *His house is an eclectic mixture of the antique and the modern.* μικτός, ετερόκλητος (= που αποτελείται από ανομοιογενή στοιχεία)

