Leonardo Da Vinci – An **Inventor Spotlight** activity.

The video to accompany this activity can be found at: www.juniorinventors.com.au/?p=202

**Lesson Sequence:**

**Tuning In:** Watch the video about Da Vinci.

**Summarise:** Respond to the video by summarising Da Vinci and his achievements in a table.

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**Activity Sheet:** Students complete the activity sheet and read the Inventor’s Spotlight article.

**Research:** Da Vinci kept amazing diaries. Each page was a combination of notes and diagrams explaining his ideas. Divide your class into expert groups, each focusing on a different Da Vinci invention. Each group is to create a Da Vinci style page including:

- A description and diagram/s of the creation.
- A description and diagram/s of a modern day working version of this creation.

**TIPS TO SUPERCHARGE YOUR LESSON**

1) Make a list of events and achievements from Da Vinci’s life. Ask each student to write a summary of an event/achievement on a card and place these on a large timeline. Mix up the timeline and ask students take turns to recreate the timeline, ordering dates and learning facts from each card.

![Timeline Image]

2) Create your own Mona Lisa! – What contemporary spin can you put on this classic piece of art?