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Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?

Michelangelo Buonarroti was born in Caprese, Italy. From his earliest years, all Michelangelo wanted to do was paint and be an artist.

He began his training as an apprentice at the age of 13, working in a painting studio. Michelangelo's work was so good that the richest man in Florence, Lorenzo de Medici, adopted him. Medici took him to stay in his palace. There he would meet the most famous artists of the time.

One of his most important works is *The Pieta*, a sculpture showing Jesus, after being crucified, in the arms of the Virgin Mary. The statue is located in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. *David*, a giant marble sculpture, 4 meters high, is another great work of Michelangelo.

The painting of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was requested by the Pope and took Michelangelo four years to complete. He painted more than 30 people on the ceiling, each one unique.

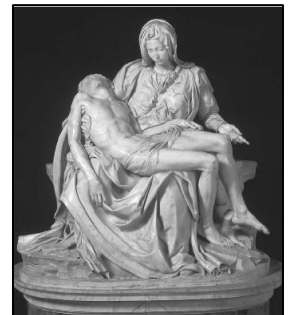
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Michelangelo Buonarroti born?
 - a. Milan
 - b. Florence
 - c. Caprese
 - d. None of the above



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2. What was the name of the sculpture showing Jesus, after being crucified, in the arms of the Virgin Mary?
 - a. *The Pieta*
 - b. *David*
 - c. *The Sistine Chapel*
 - d. *The Sacred Family*



3. Who asked Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
 - a. Bertoldo di Giovanni
 - b. Leonardo da Vinci
 - c. Lorenzo de Medici
 - d. the Pope

4. How long did it take to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
 - a. 2 years
 - b. 4 years
 - c. 4 months
 - d. 1 year

