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Da Vinci and Escher; the Science of Art

Gallery Session 1 November 3 & 4: *Leonardo da Vinci's Codex Leicester*

Early life & work Florence 1452-1482	1 st period in Milan----- 1482-1499	Back in Florence----- 1500-1508	2nd period in Milan----- 1508-1513	Rome----- 1513-1516	End of Life France 1516-1519
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CODEX LEICESTER

Who, What, Where and When

Leonardo da Vinci was born on April 15, 1452 in the Tuscan town of Vinci, in the territory of Florence. He died in France in 1519 at 67 years old.

Leonardo wrote the Codex Leicester on doublewide pages, front and back, in his mirror writing in Italian, on linen paper during his second stay in Milan, between 1508-1510.

The Codex is named for Thomas Coke, the earl of Leicester, who bought it in 1717 and whose family owned it for 263 years. It was purchased by American businessman Armand Hammer in 1980 and, after his death 10 years later, by Microsoft founder Bill Gates in 1994.

The Codex Leicester is the only manuscript that deals almost entirely with “natural philosophy,” or science.

WORKS TO BE VIEWED

- Codex Leicester, Sheet 1A, folio 1r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 1B, folio 36r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 2A, folio 35v Codex Leicester, Sheet 2A, folio 2r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 3A, folio 34v Codex Leicester, Sheet 3A, folio 3r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 3B, folio 3v Codex Leicester, Sheet 3B, folio 34r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 4A, folio 4r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 4B, folio 33r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 5B, folio 32r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 8A, folio 8r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 9A, folio 9r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 13B, folio 24r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 14A, folio 14r
- Codex Leicester, Sheet 15B, folio 22r
- Detail 15B, folio 15v