

For a man who liked to ask questions,
Leonardo da Vinci was born at the right time—
April 15, 1452.

He had heard that the duke of Milan wanted
to honor his father with a bronze horse in
front of his palace.

He measured and drew pictures
until he knew where all the bones and muscles
of a horse were.

The hardest part would be the casting.

In November 1493, he had completed the clay
model—twenty-four feet high.

Later, in 1498, there were rumors that the French were preparing to invade Milan, and the duke wanted to be ready.

At last it was nothing but a pile of mud stuck with arrows.

Leonardo went back to inventing and painting, but he never forgot his horse.

On May 2, 1519, Leonardo da Vinci died.

It was said that even on his deathbed, Leonardo wept for his horse.