

# BIENVENUE TO FRANCE, *MON AMIS!*



In *Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures #11: Framed in France*, Flat Stanley travels to Paris on a mission to protect the *Mona Lisa* and other famous paintings in the Louvre museum from art thieves. Learn more about the *Mona Lisa*, the most famous painting in the world, by completing the classroom activity below.

## STUDY THE *MONA LISA*

The *Mona Lisa* was painted by Leonardo da Vinci in the 1500s. Stolen from the Louvre in Paris in 1911, it was eventually recovered and returned to the museum, where it remains displayed today behind bulletproof glass. Much has been made of the *Mona Lisa's* facial expression, her identity, her hands, and the techniques da Vinci employed to create such a mysterious piece of art. Read more about the *Mona Lisa*, study her portrait, and write a descriptive paragraph based on your findings. Use a topic sentence and support your opening sentence with facts. Share your description with the class.

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