

Italy Notes

Population: 58,000,000

Government: republic

Money: euro

Birthday: 1870

Julius Caesar – took control of the Roman Republic

Augustus – First roman emperor

Constantine – first Christian emperor

Botticelli – Italian Painter, “Birth of Venus”

Michelangelo – Italian artist, Sistine Chapel ceiling, “David”

Raphael – Italian painter, “School at Athens”

Leonardo Da Vinci – “Mona Lisa”, “Last Supper”

Galileo Galilei – astronomer

Marchese Marconi – invented the radio

Dante Aligheri – Wrote the Divine Comedy

Miccolo Machiavelli – wrote “The Prince”

Pope Benedict XVI – head of the Catholic Church

Vatican City – city that is the home of the Catholic Church

Andrea Bocelli – blind Italian singer

Luciano Pavarotti – Italian opera singer

Benito Mussolini – dictator during WWII

Leaning Tower of Pisa

Shroud of Turin

La Scala – opera house in Milan

Gondolas – special boats in Venice

Mt. Vesuvius – volcano that wiped out city of Pompeii

Mosaic – is a picture made of tiny pieces of tile

Pantheon – temple to all the gods

Aqueducts - stone troughs used to carry water

Circus Maximus – built for chariot racing

Sirocco – hot, dry wind from North Africa