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Perspective Answers

* Vanishing point – opened door of the church. Some provided natural perspective points, others would use grids & devices with peepholes to calculate perspective
* Skillbuilder: background figures are smaller; foreground are larger = illusion background is farther away & foreground figures appear closer

Mona Lisa Comparison

* Mona Lisa is more realistic
* Mona Lisa uses shadows & darker, more subtle colors
* Both works are finely detailed, especially the backgrounds

Based on this analysis of these two works of art and information in the text, what can you conclude about Renaissance art?

* More realistic than medieval art, especially in use of light, shadow, & perspective