

# ***ITALY: Presentation of my country***



# ***General Features***

- Italy covers a territory of 301338 km<sup>2</sup>: but even if we need 57 Italies to reach Russian extension, Italy presents a great variety of environment and climate.
- The Italian peninsula presents its characteristic shape of a boot, to which add two major islands and many little archipelagos along its coasts.
- With 60,8 million inhabitants, it's the fifth most populous country in Europe.
- The main language is Italian and religion is Catholicism, despite many minorities exist especially at the borders.

# ***Brief History***

- When West Roman Empire ended in 476 A.D, Italian territory faced a great fragmentation: many populations invaded it from Northern Europe, Asia and North Africa, and in the following centuries were born many kingdoms around the Pope State.
- Only in 1861, after three Wars of Independence, Italy was reunited in a Monarchy with Turin as capital city: in 1870, Rome was added to the reign and became its capital.
- On the 2° of June 1946, with the first universal suffrage in the country, population voted for transition to Republic Government

# ***A Beautiful Country***

- The presence of snowed mountains, hills, lakes and seas, along with little medioeval villages and cosmopolitan, artistic cities, make of the country a great turistic destination.





# ***Dolomites, Trentino Alto-Adige***





# Gran Sasso, Appennins- Abruzzo





# ***Sardinia: the clearest waters***





# ***Venice, Veneto: a city on the water***





# **Milano, Lombardy:** *design, fashion, engineering*





# ***The Five Lands, Liguria: a coloured nature***





# ***Florence, Tuscany: the cradle of Renaissance***



# ***Matera, Basilicata: a city in the rock***





# ***Rome, Lazio: the Eternal City***











# ***Palermo, Sicily: Roman, Greek and Arabic influences***



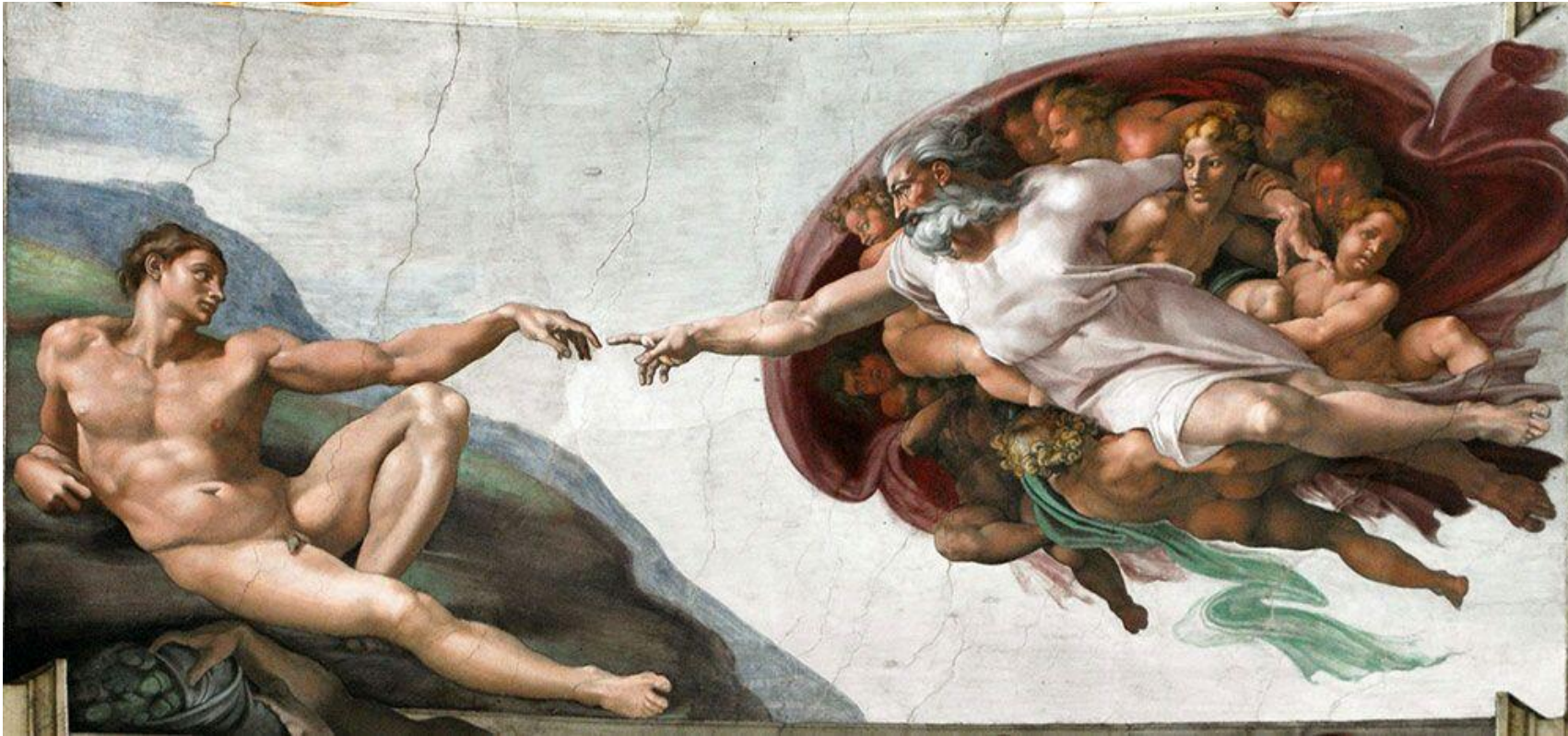


# Patrignone, my village



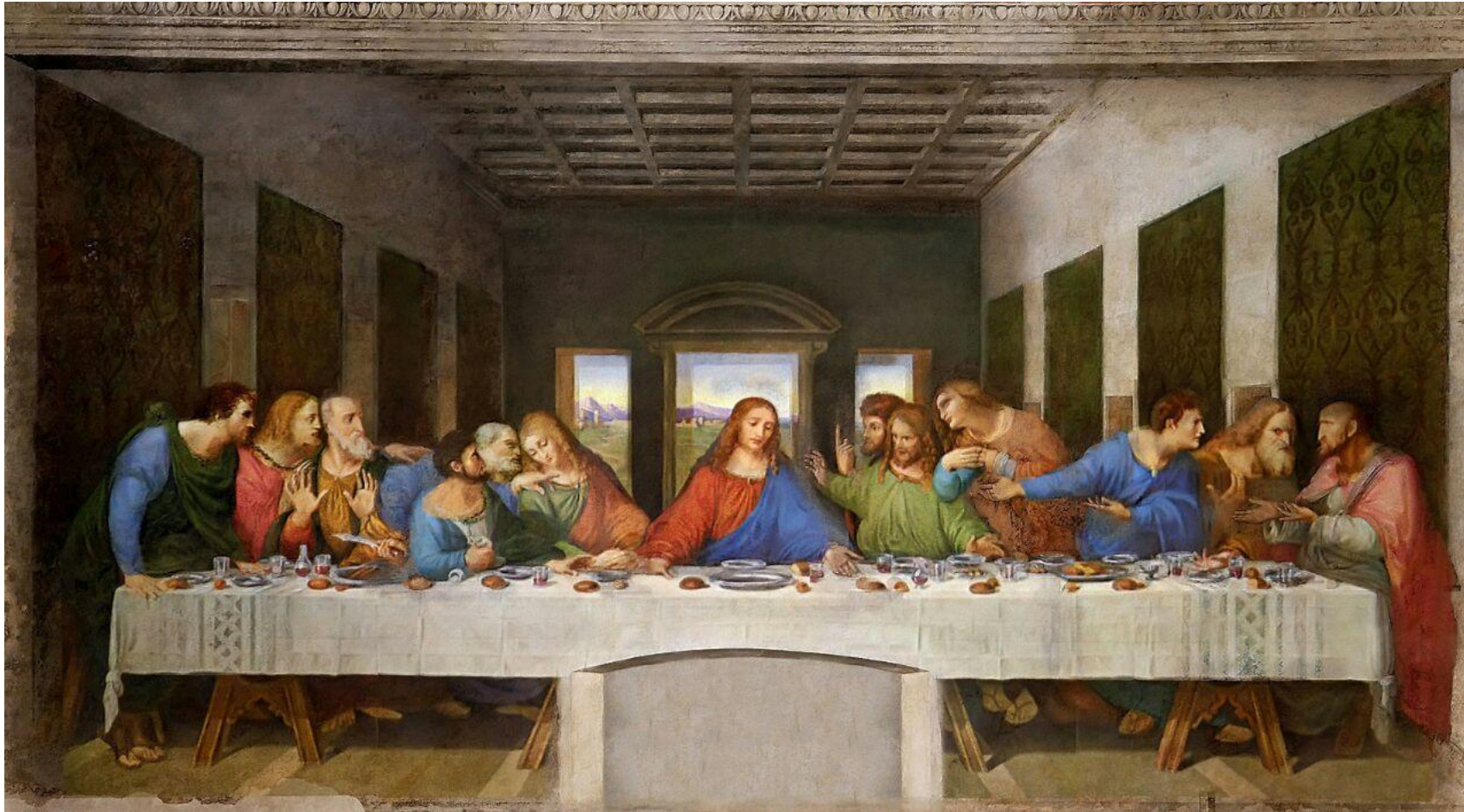


***A bit of Italian Art: Michelangelo, The Last Judgment (Rome, Sistine Chapel)***



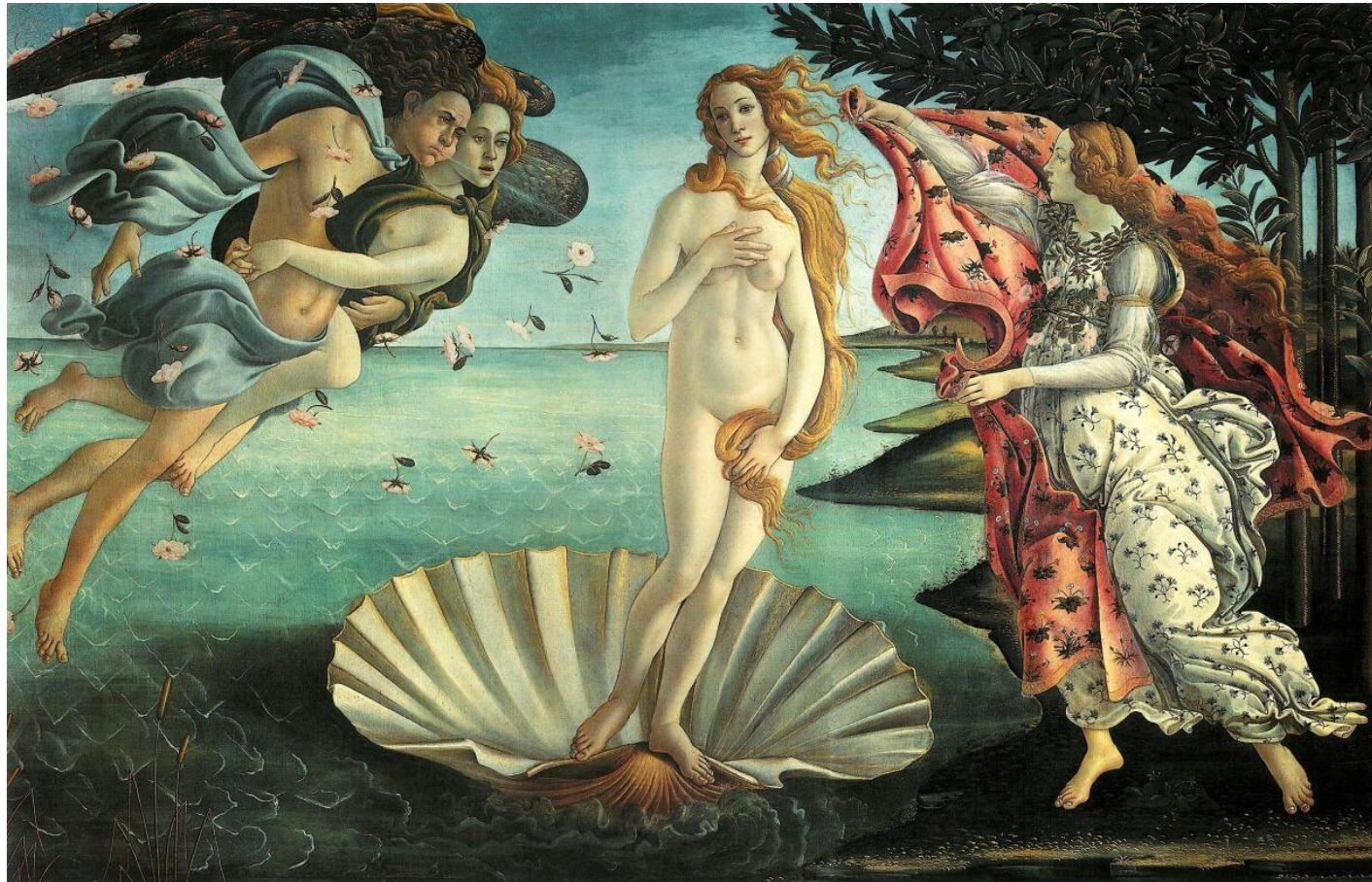


***Leonardo da Vinci: The Last Supper (Milan, convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie)***





***Sandro Botticelli, The Birth of Venus (Florence, Uffizi Gallery)***





# FOOD



**PIZZA**

**PASTA**

**PARMIGIANA**



# Typical food of my city



**Fried olives filled with meat, called “olive all’ascolana “**



# The education system

*In Italy the education system is divided into three grades:*

- Elementary school, it lasts 5 years*
- Seconda school, that lasts 3 years*
- High school, it lasts 5 years and you can choose what to study ( language, physics, Greek and Latin, mechanics... )*

**Grazie per l'attenzione**

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