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Michelangelo and the Value of Pride

Michelangelo was a famous artist who was born in Italy on March 6, 1475. He was a very talented painter, architect, sculptor, poet, and engineer. Ever since he was young, Michelangelo had a great love for art. He was known as the greatest artist of his time, which was over 500 years ago.

One of Michelangelo's most famous pieces of art was his "Statue of David." Michelangelo carved this statue out of a huge piece of stone using special tools to sculpt it. Sculpting was Michelangelo's favorite kind of art. Another famous piece of art Michelangelo made was his painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Pope Julius II asked Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, which is a huge and famous church. It took Michelangelo four years to paint the ceiling of this church. He even had to build his own scaffold, or platform to reach the ceiling.

Even though Michelangelo liked sculpting more than painting, he painted the ceiling anyway. It was very hard for him to do, but he created a beautiful painting that millions of people visit each year. **Pride** is a feeling of being pleased with what you have accomplished.

Michelangelo was **proud of this achievement**. Michelangelo took **pride** in his work because it was important to him and he got satisfaction from creating art. Many people see his art as very **important** and have a lot of **respect** for Michelangelo and what he was able to create.

READING COMPREHENSION

1. What is something in your life that you take pride in?

2. What kind of art did Michelangelo like to make the most?
