

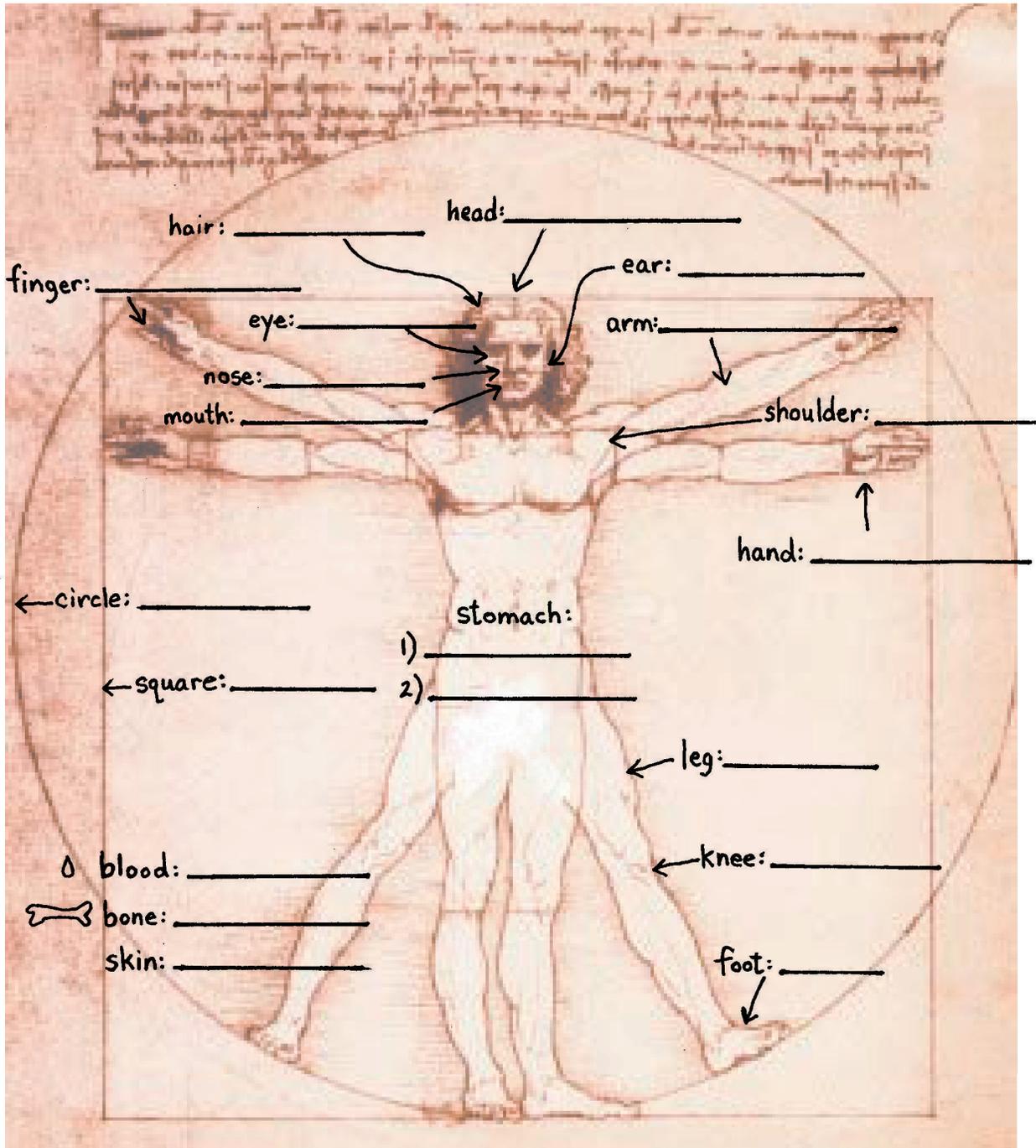
Corpus: the body

Nomen _____

Leonardo da Vinci was not allowed to learn Latin as part of his childhood education. (You had to be from the right kind of family to get into Latin classes in Renaissance Italy, and Leonardo's family wasn't considered good enough.) He probably learned some Latin on his own when he was an adult, but not enough to be able to read or write it very well. So instead of writing in Latin, he wrote backwards in his notebooks, as his own secret code.

Leonardo was an expert at drawing the human body. He studied the mathematical proportions of one part compared to another. He discovered that the body fit perfectly into either a circle or a square, depending on the position of the arms and legs. This drawing below is one of his most famous drawings of the human body.

Can you help Leonardo label his famous drawing using Latin words for parts of the body?



WORD BANK: auris, bracchium, capillus, caput, circus, crus, cuticula, digitus, genu, manus, nasus, oculus, oris, ossis, pedis, quadrum, sanguis, scapula, stomachus, venter

Supplemental questions:

- 1) What would you find in an archaeological artifact called an “ossuary”?
a) bones b) blood c) hair d) stones
- 2) If you do something manually, you use your:
a) feet b) hands c) body d) strength
- 3) You have tiny blood vessels in your body called capillaries. They are as small as:
a) atoms b) molecules c) hairs d) protozoa
- 4) When someone is decapitated, what do they have cut off?
a) hands b) feet c) head d) hair
- 5) When you “genuflect” before the king, you bend your:
a) knees b) back c) arms d) legs
- 6) A pedestrian is someone who is using their:
a) hands b) head c) legs d) feet
- 7) Your nasal cavities are in your:
a) head b) stomach c) eyes d) nose
- 8) The ocular piece on a microscope is where you put your:
a) specimen b) slide c) eyes d) protozoa
- 9) When you give an oration you use your
a) head b) ears c) hands d) mouth
- 10) The French word “ventre” means:
a) head b) heart c) stomach d) ears
- 11) The branches of a tree are like its:
a) arms b) legs c) feet d) blood
- 12) If you break your scapula, you have broken what bone?
a) leg b) shoulder c) finger d) toe

ANSWER KEY:

auris: ear
bracchium: arm
capillus: hair
caput: head
circus: circle
crus: leg
cuticula: skin
digitus: finger
genu: knee
manus: hand
nasus: nose
oculus: eye
oris: mouth
ossis: bone
pedis: foot
quadrum: square
sanguis: blood
scapula: shoulder
stomachus: stomach
venter: stomach

- 1) a
- 2) b
- 3) c
- 4) c
- 5) a
- 6) d
- 7) d
- 8) c
- 9) d
- 10) c
- 11) a
- 12) b