

The Bargello Chapel,  
Giotto  
"Portrait of Dante  
Alighieri"  
Italy's greatest poet

1265-1321



Born in Florence

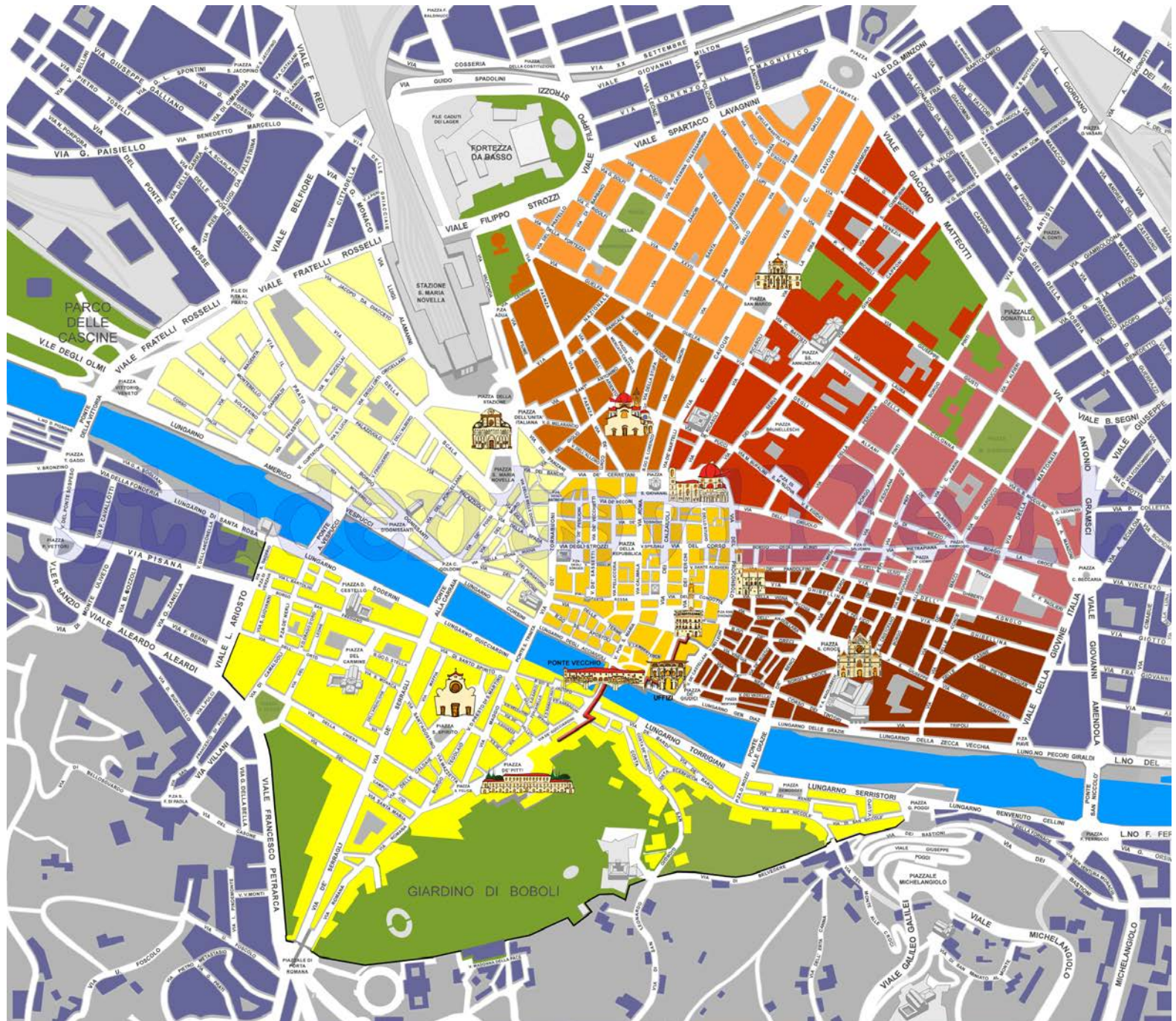
Died: 1321 in Ravenna  
soon after finishing  
"Paradise," the last book  
of "The Divine  
Comedy."



# Tuscany









Luca Signorelli - Dante  
from a fresco in the chapel of San Brizio  
Duomo - Orvieto





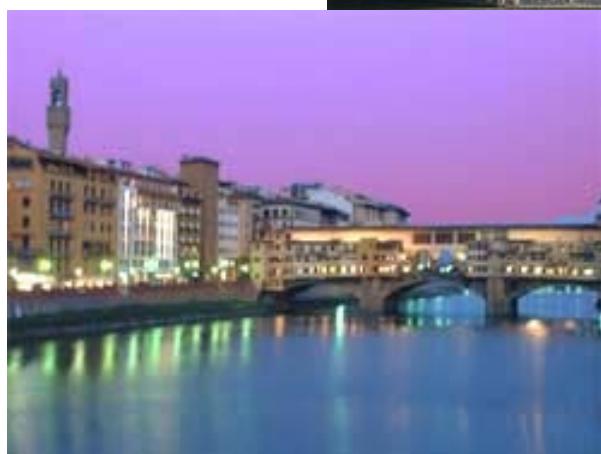




Dante by Sandro Botticelli  
c.1495  
Tempera on canvas.  
Private collection, Geneva









1274: Dante first meets and falls in love  
with Beatrice Portinari







Dante's Florence, which in his *Divine Comedy* was portrayed as a seething mass of evil.





"Dante and his Poem"  
Domenico di Michelino, 1465  
Oil on canvas  
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Florence







# Dante's church





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Ascolta Dante





Born: 1265  
Florence

Died: 1321  
Ravenna after falling  
ill on return from  
Venice where he had  
been sent as an  
ambassador



- 1300 – for 2 months Dante is one of the 6 highest magistrates in Florence
- 1301 – Dante is sent to Rome as an envoy to Pope Boniface VIII
- 1302 – The Black Guelfs seize power in Florence and Dante is banished, condemned to be burned alive if taken in the territory of the Florentine Republic

Left: Monument to Dante in  
Florence church

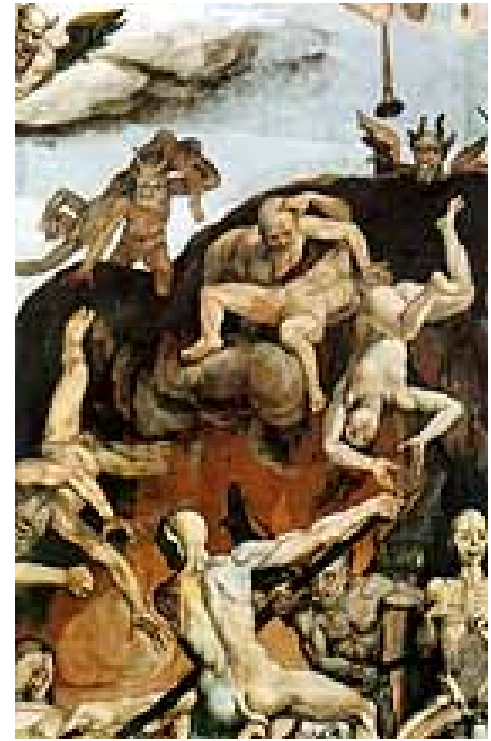
Below: Actual tomb of  
Dante in Ravenna

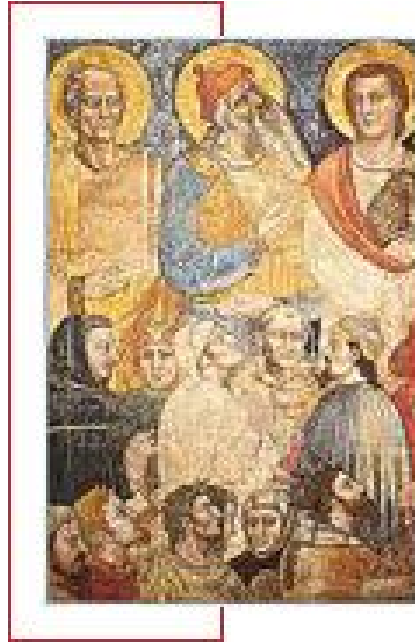




Dante's writing has been pictorally depicted in such places as the Cupola of the Duomo in Florence.

Close-up of a cupola fresco depicting Hell





The church of Santa Maria Novella, The Strozzi Chapel, Nardo di Cione, "Giudizio Universale" with the elected, among them Dante.



Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" in Sistine Chapel