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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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 pictorially 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.
Michangelo’s “Last Judgment” in Sistine Chapel