

PASSPORT EUROPE

ITALY



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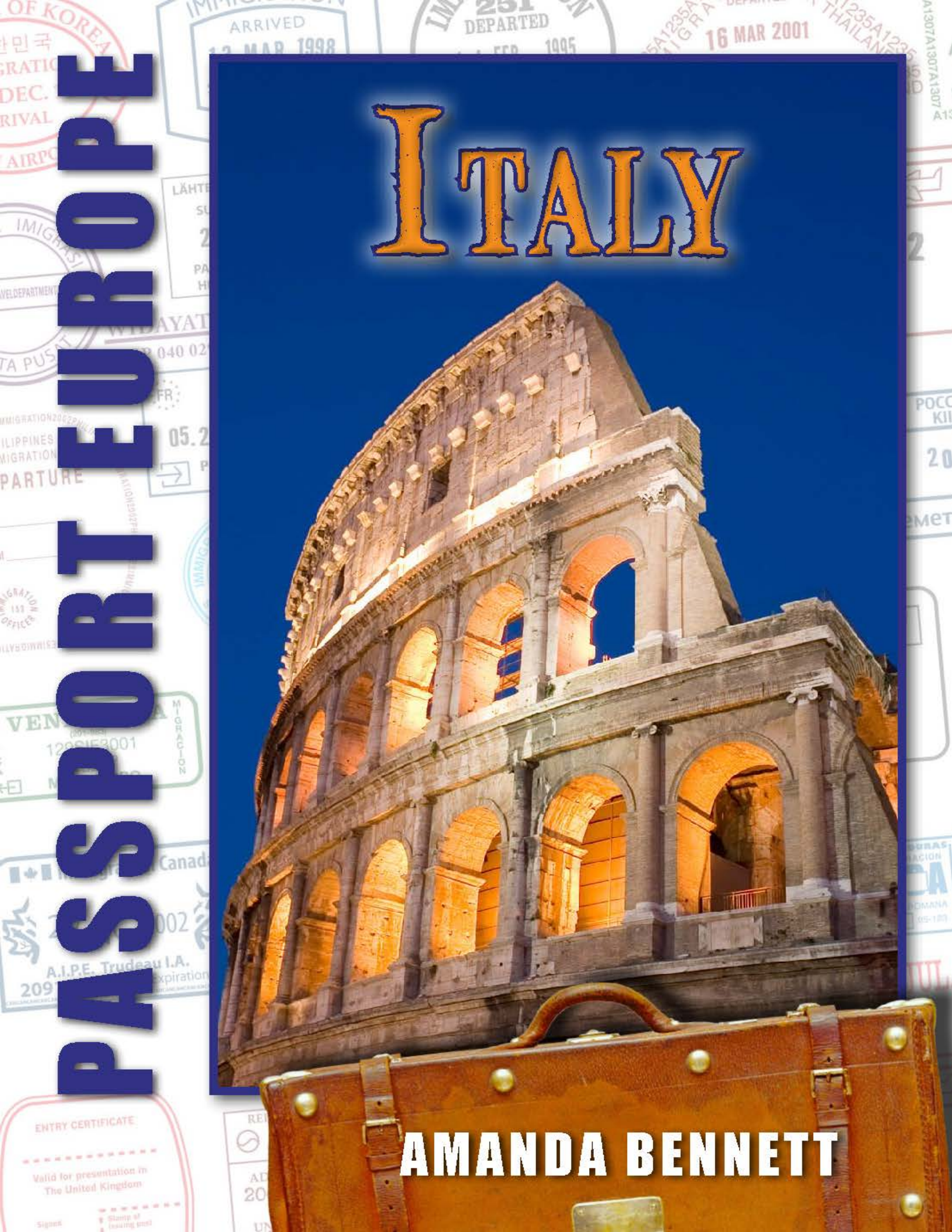




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INTRODUCTION

Pack up and get ready to travel to Italy with Amanda Bennett's new Passport Geography™ series! As part of the series, this one-week unit study has been developed to provide your student with a virtual tour of Italy, covering the geography of this nation, as well as some of its history, art and literature, landmarks, and interesting people.

You are about to begin an adventure to the European country of Italy, taking an online journey to this fascinating part of the world. From online gondola rides through Venice to touring ancient Roman structures, you will visit historic and unique sites and marvelous places that span the nation that is officially called the Italian Republic.

Some of the places you will be visiting include:

- Po River Valley
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Amalfi Coast
- Italian Alps

As this is written, we are including the best resources available to give you the virtual experience of traveling around [Italy](#). You will see and hear the sights and sounds of cities and villages, people, daily life, tourist spots, and historical places, all from the comfort of home—no passport required! Some of the fun spots you will be visiting include:

- Roman Colosseum
- Pompeii
- Sistine Chapel
- St. Mark's Square
- Ferrari Factory

When learning about the geography of a place, it is important to learn about the land, people, and culture, and what it is like to live there. In addition to learning about the countries, you will encounter some of the people and places in Italy. The people are fascinating, and we are including some interesting figures in Passport: Italy. You will meet:

- Michelangelo
- Marco Polo
- Leonardo Da Vinci
- Christopher Columbus
- Antonio Vivaldi

With the newest title in the Passport series, you will see places that most people never get to visit, becoming familiar with this part of the world and many of the landmarks and landforms that are in Italy. From learning about some of the food they enjoy, such as pizza, gelato, and gnocchi, you will be heading on to palaces and piazzas, as well as Trevi Fountain and Abruzzo National Park. We are beginning a great geographic adventure—glad to have you along!





Michelangelo

There are so many very important people from Italy! We call them VIPs, and today's Italian VIP is a famous artist named Michelangelo. You already saw some of his paintings today when you visited the Sistine Chapel.

Video: [Sistine Chapel](#)

Where and when was Michelangelo born? What job did his father and grandfather have?

[Meet Michelangelo](#)

[How to Say His Name](#)

[Map](#)

Michelangelo was different from his father and grandfather though. What was one thing that he was interested in from a young age?

[Meet Michelangelo](#)

Video: [Michelangelo's Moses](#)

[Examples of Michelangelo's Art](#)





Fun Food: Pizza

Pizza—this happens to be one of the best-loved foods around the world, and one city in Italy was the first to make pizza. What is the name of the city? *Go ahead and mark this city on [your map](#).*

Home of Pizza

Let's catch a glimpse of how pizza is made in this city:

Video: [Authentic Italian Pizza](#)

Video: [Pizza](#)

Now that's an interesting way to make and bake pizza, isn't it? There are many kinds of pizza today. *Pizza Margherita* is one of the oldest. Where does the name come from? What's the story behind the toppings for this pizza?

[Pizza History](#)

[Story of Pizza](#)

What is your favorite kind of pizza?

Enough of learning about pizza! *Go ahead and give one of these recipes a try for yourself!*

[Italian Pizza Recipes](#)

[Italian Pizza Crust Recipe](#)

[Roman-Style Pizza Recipe](#)

Video: [Kids Make a Pizza](#)

As you learn about all these interesting Italian foods this week, be sure to record the recipes in your [Italian Food Recipes](#) tab book.





GALILEO GALILEI

Yesterday you learned about Copernicus and his discovery of how our solar system works. Today you are going to take a look at the Italian scientist who proved Copernicus was right, and the tool that he built to do just that.

This scientist was Galileo Galilei. When and where was he born?

[Galileo](#)

[About Galileo](#)

Galileo was very curious about our solar system, and he wanted to find a way to explore it from here on earth. To do this, he built a special instrument. What was this instrument?

[Galileo's Instrument](#)

With his tool, Galileo made some amazing discoveries! What did Galileo see and discover?

[Discoveries](#)

[Galileo](#)

How does a telescope work?

[About Telescopes](#)

Video: [How a Telescope Works](#)





Alpine Ibex

Today we are going to take a look at the Alpine ibex, a skilled climber that is amazing to watch! *Check out these video clips and pictures:*

Video: [Remarkable Climbers!](#)

Video: [Alpine Ibex](#)

Mind-Boggling Pictures

Looking at the name of this animal, we can tell where it lives! What does the word *Alpine* mean?

Alpine

Does the Alpine ibex remind you of any animal that you've seen before?

Once you have researched and learned about this fascinating creature, complete this [Alpine Ibex](#) accordion-fold book.

One of the first things that you notice about Alpine ibex is their large set of curved horns. Both male and female Alpine ibex grow horns, but there is a difference in the horn length. Which one has **longer** horns?

Horns

You know how old you are by the number of birthdays you have celebrated. But how can we tell how old an Alpine ibex is?

Alpine Ibex

What kind of animal is an Alpine ibex?

Alpine Ibex



First Stop: Leaning Tower of Pisa

Now we are off to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, one of the most famous landmarks in Italy! Let's go check it out:

Video: [Leaning Tower of Pisa](#)

Video: [Climbing the Leaning Tower of Pisa!](#)

What a view from the top of the tower! How many steps do you have to climb to get to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa?

Leaning Tower of Pisa

When did the Italians begin building the tower, and why does it lean?

[The Leaning Tower of Pisa](#)
[Leaning Tower of Pisa](#)

How tall is the tower?

About Leaning Tower of Pisa



Extra Fun! Many visitors snap fun pictures while at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, looking as if they're holding up the tower with their hands! Take a peek:

[Fun at the Leaning Tower of Pisa](#)

