**EXPLORING IL DUOMO**

**Directions:**

***Use this document as a template to provide responses to the following tasks. When completed, turn in your work at turnitin.com by Friday 7:25am.***

Before your start the virtual activity, read [this article](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/duomo/?ar_a=1) and answer the corresponding questions in complete sentences and your own word.

1. Why is the building of this dome itself different compared to previous architecture?
2. Why did the architecture of this building not take on the gothic specific techniques?
3. What makes the dome of the Florence cathedral so unique?

Go to this site: <http://florence.arounder.com/>

**Step 1**: Under Florence Highlights click on Florence’s cathedral

**Step 2**: Click on San Giovanni square by night

*\*\*\* All questions must be answered in complete thoughts & sentences\*\*\**

**Step 3**: Answer the following questions.

 1. Describe the outside of the Florence Cathedral

 2. What do you notice about the Architecture?

 3. What kind of art is displayed on the outside of the cathedral?

**Step 4**: At the bottom of the image click on the *Entrance (2nd from left)*

**Step 5**: Answer the following questions

1. Write two things you notice about the entrance of the cathedral
2. What architecture techniques do you see? Explain.

**Step 6**: Click on the *Central Nave*

**Step 7**: Arrow up to see the vaults and arches

**Step 8**: Answer the following questions

1. Describe the style of the vaults/arches.

**Step 9**: Click on the *Altar*

**Step 10:** Arrow up to see the paintings in the dome

**Step 11**: Answer the following questions

1. Describe the painting in 3-4 sentences.

**Step 12**: Answer the following summarizing questions

1. What do you think the focal point of this structure is? Why?
2. Why is the Duomo often called “Italy’s birthplace of the Renaissance?