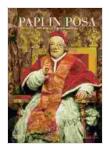
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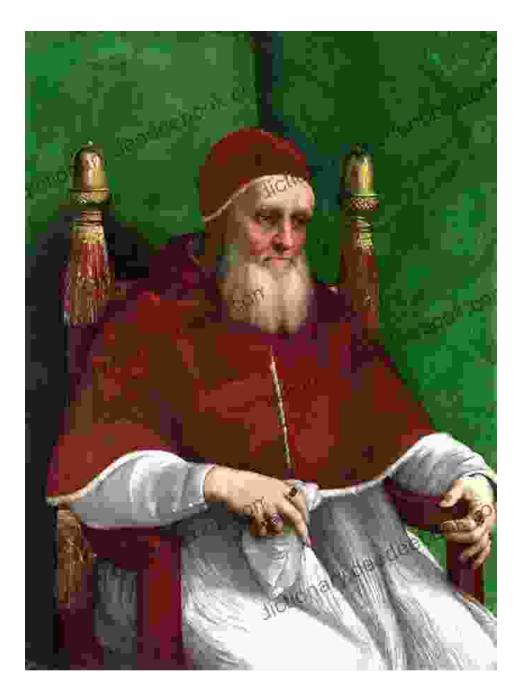
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#### The Renaissance

The Renaissance was a time of great artistic innovation, and this was reflected in the way that popes were portrayed. Renaissance artists such as Raphael and Titian depicted popes in a more human and realistic way than had been done before. They also began to use more complex and dynamic compositions, and to pay more attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



#### The Baroque

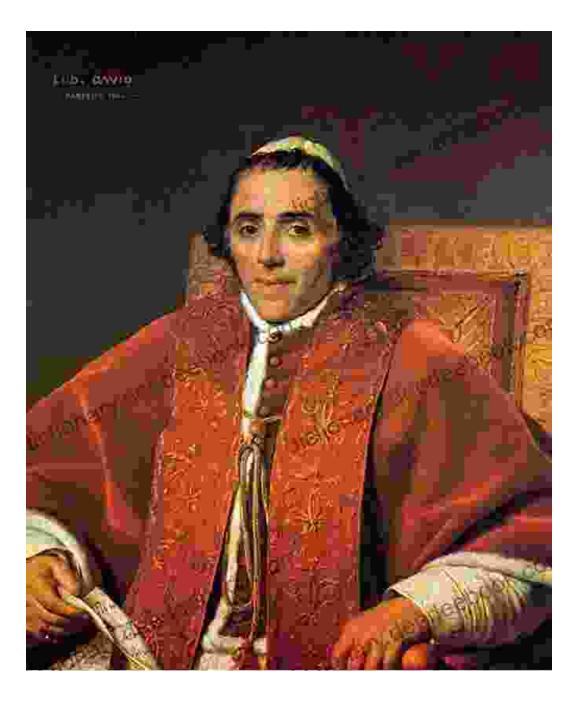
The Baroque period was a time of even greater artistic exuberance, and this was reflected in the way that popes were portrayed. Baroque artists such as Bernini and Rubens depicted popes in a more theatrical and dramatic way than had been done before. They also used more elaborate and ornate compositions, and paid even more attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



Portrait of Pope Innocent X by Velazquez, c. 1650

#### **The Neoclassical**

The Neoclassical period was a time of reaction against the excesses of the Baroque period. Neoclassical artists such as David and Ingres depicted popes in a more sober and restrained way. They also used more simple and symmetrical compositions, and paid less attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



**The Romantic** 

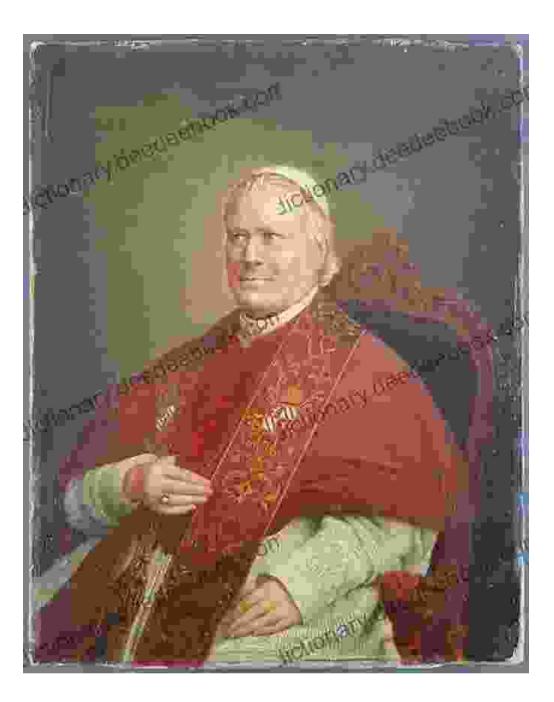
The Romantic period was a time of great emotionalism and individualism, and this was reflected in the way that popes were portrayed. Romantic artists such as Delacroix and Gericault depicted popes in a more dynamic and expressive way than had been done before. They also used more dramatic and atmospheric compositions, and paid more attention to the pope's facial expressions and body language.



Portrait of Pope Gregory XVI by Delacroix, c. 1835

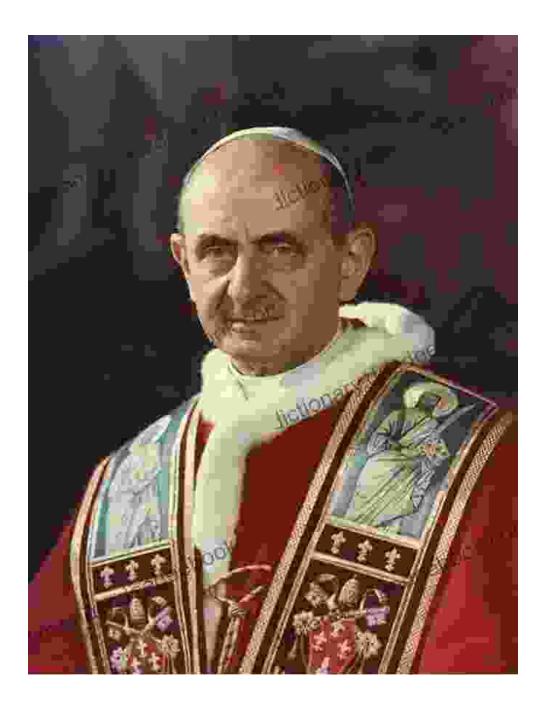
## The Realist

The Realist period was a time of reaction against the excesses of the Romantic period. Realist artists such as Courbet and Millet depicted popes in a more sober and realistic way. They also used more simple and straightforward compositions, and paid less attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



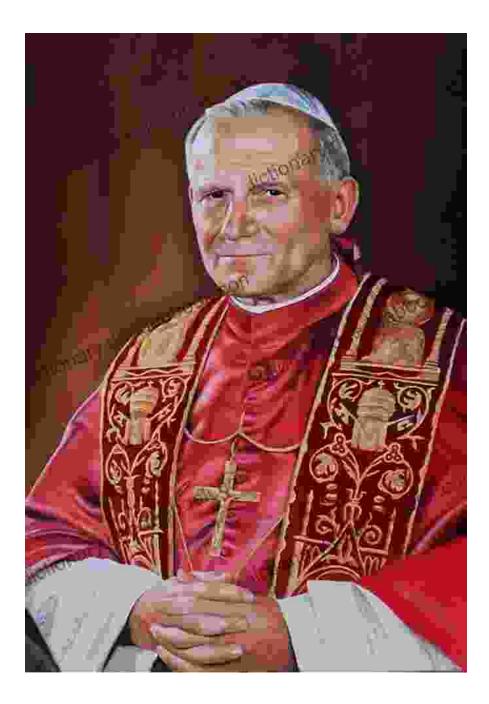
### The Modernist

The Modernist period was a time of great artistic experimentation, and this was reflected in the way that popes were portrayed. Modernist artists such as Picasso and Matisse depicted popes in a more abstract and stylized way than had been done before. They also used more experimental compositions and techniques, and paid less attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



### The Contemporary

The Contemporary period is a time of great artistic diversity, and this is reflected in the way that popes are portrayed. Contemporary artists such as Bacon and Hockney have depicted popes in a wide range of styles, from the formal and iconic to the intimate and personal. They have also used a wide range of compositions and techniques, and paid varying degrees of attention to the details of the pope's clothing and surroundings.



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