Review for Renaissance lesson on Francesco Petrarch

The following can be used for "around the world" or just as review questions.

1. Petrarch was born near the city of __________ (Florence)
2. What year was he born? (1302)
3. His first name was ______ (Francesco)
4. His father's profession was _____ (a lawyer)
5. What University did Francesco and his brother attend? (U. of Bologna in Italy)
6. His father wanted him to become a ___ (lawyer)
7. True or false- Petrarch did not care about his appearance. (false)
8. Petrarch's real interest of study was reading the ___ (classics)
9. What event caused Petrarch's hair to turn white overnight? (father's death)
10. Who did Petrarch fall in love with during Good Friday services on April 6, 1327? (Laura)
11. What style of poem did Petrarch invent and use for his love poems to Laura? (sonnet)
12. Over his lifetime, how many of these poems did he write about her? (366)
13. Petrarch is said to be the first man to do a number of things; name one (and then have 4 others give 4 more examples). (first tourist, first alpinist- climb a mountain just for the view, first nature writer/poet, first Roman poet laureate in 1,000 years, first person of modern time to write an autobiography)
14. Petrarch is known as the father of a particular philosophy of life that encouraged people to appreciate nature and all of God's creation, as well as to work to develop every aspect of their life. This philosophy, which dominated the Renaissance, was called what? (Humanism)
15. What did Petrarch collect during his travels? (ancient Greek and Roman manuscripts, as well as other Christian writings)
16. To which city did he will his vast personal library? (Venice)
17. What was Petrarch doing when he died? (writing- He was found slumped over his desk, pen in hand.)
18. What year did Petrarch die? (1374…one day shy of his 72nd birthday)

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