

## Renaissance Webquest

Standards: SSWH9 The student will analyze change and continuity in the Renaissance and Reformation.

- Explain the social, economic, and political changes that contributed to the rise of Florence and the ideas of Machiavelli.
- Identify artistic and scientific achievements of Leonardo da Vinci, the “Renaissance man,” and Michelangelo.
- Explain the main characteristics of humanism; include the ideas of Petrarch, Dante, and Erasmus.

### Directions:

- Go to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com) and search the word “Renaissance”
- Click on the link that says “Italian Renaissance” <https://www.history.com/topics/renaissance/italian-renaissance>
- Scroll down and read the first paragraph that starts off with “Toward the end.....”
- Answer the following questions about the article.

1. What did Italian thinkers declare at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century?
2. Now that the barbarous and unenlightened Middle Ages were over, what would the new age be like?
3. What would the new period be known as?
4. What does the word Renaissance mean? What centuries did the Renaissance take place?
5. Complete the sentence; “A new modern way of thinking \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ .”

-Scroll down and read the paragraph with the title “The Italian Renaissance in Context”, answer the following questions.

1. What city state did the Italian Renaissance begin?
2. What type of government did it have?
3. How did wealthy Florentines flaunt their money?
4. What did the city become because of this?

-In the search bar search for the following “The Medici Family”. Click on the link and read the paragraph below what starts with “The Medici Family, also”. Answer the following questions.

<https://www.history.com/topics/renaissance/medici-family>

1. What century did the Medici Family attain power?
2. What industries did the Medici Family have success in?
3. What made Florence into the cradle of the Renaissance?
4. What did the Medici Family produce that dealt with religion?
5. When did the Medici family dynasty end? Why?

-In the search bar search the name “Machiavelli”. Click the first link with “Niccolo Machiavelli”. Watch the video and read the entire article underneath the video. Answer the following questions.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/niccolo-machiavelli-born>

1. What famous political treatise (book) is Machiavelli famous for writing?

2. What powerful family did he fall out of favor with? Why?
3. What was Machiavelli's vision of an ideal leader?
4. What does the term Machiavellian mean?

-In the search bar search for "Leonardo da Vinci". Click on the first link and read the information on Leonardo da Vinci. IF you have your headphones you can also watch the videos about Leonardo da Vinci. Write about the importance of Leonardo da Vinci and his famous creations. Minimum 5 sentences, also answer the "Renaissance Man" question.

<https://www.history.com/topics/renaissance/leonardo-da-vinci>

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Why is Leonardo da Vinci known as a "Renaissance Man"?

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-In the search bar search "Italian Renaissance." Click on the first link and scroll down the page to the paragraph with the title "The New Humanism: Cornerstone of the Renaissance." Read the paragraph and answer the following questions.

1. What did Renaissance era writers and thinkers spend their days doing?
2. What two ancient civilizations did they study?
3. What is the philosophy of Humanism?

-In the search bar search for "Renaissance Art". Read the information and complete the following.

List 8 Renaissance artists. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

List 5 works of Renaissance Art. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

LAST THING- Create a power-point with a minimum of 15 pictures that symbolize the Renaissance. These slides can showcase famous works of art or important people during the Renaissance. Each slide needs a picture and 1 sentence explaining relation of the picture to the Renaissance. Save power point under your student number. (Example-you could find a picture of the Last Supper painting and explain that it was created by Leonardo da Vinci who was a famous Renaissance painter.