

# The Rise of the Renaissance

## I. The Renaissance

A. Western Europe emerged from the \_\_\_\_\_ during an era known as the Renaissance:

1. From 1300 to 1600, Western Europe experienced a “\_\_\_\_\_” in trade, \_\_\_\_\_, & Greco-Roman ideas
2. During the Renaissance, Europeans developed new ideas in \_\_\_\_\_, gov’t, & human \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Renaissance marked the beginning of the “\_\_\_\_\_”

## II. What changed during the Middle Ages that gave rise to the Renaissance?

### A. Trade and Cities

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ increased European demand for \_\_\_\_\_ from Asia
  - a. Italian \_\_\_\_\_ began meeting the demand for \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe
  - b. As a result, Italian \_\_\_\_\_ & a wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ class began to form in Italy
2. The most important Italian city was \_\_\_\_\_, where wealth from \_\_\_\_\_ sparked the Renaissance
  - a. A new middle class of \_\_\_\_\_, merchants, & skilled craftsmen gained lots of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ family were wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ who used their wealth to turn \_\_\_\_\_ into Italy’s most \_\_\_\_\_ city



### B. Government

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were able to \_\_\_\_\_ merchants & use their wealth to build \_\_\_\_\_ & strong nations which hurt the power of the \_\_\_\_\_
2. From 1337 to 1453, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ began a conflict called the Hundred Years War



- a. During the war, \_\_\_\_\_ increased as people became loyal to their king & \_\_\_\_\_, rather than their lord
- b. During the \_\_\_\_\_ War, new military \_\_\_\_\_ decreased the power of feudal lords & knights
  - i. The discovery of Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ led to the development of \_\_\_\_\_ which helped armies penetrate castles
  - ii. The invention of the \_\_\_\_\_ allowed soldiers to shoot accurately up to \_\_\_\_\_ yards which decreased the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ on horseback



C. Religion

- 1. In the late Middle Ages, the \_\_\_\_\_ & the \_\_\_\_\_ Church lost some of its influence as a result of the losses to \_\_\_\_\_ armies during the Crusades
- 2. Despite having less \_\_\_\_\_, the Catholic Church was still an important part of peoples' lives & the pope remained \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Human Potential

1. During the Middle Ages, peasants did not own \_\_\_\_\_ & had no options other than remaining loyal to a \_\_\_\_\_ & work within the \_\_\_\_\_ system
2. The rise of \_\_\_\_\_ during the Renaissance gave people options to leave the manor & move to \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as merchants or skilled artisans
3. During the Renaissance, people had more \_\_\_\_\_ than ever before which led to a belief that people can \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ became the center of attention during the Renaissance
  - a. Social \_\_\_\_\_ was based on wealth & \_\_\_\_\_, not birthright
  - b. A new way of \_\_\_\_\_ began during the Renaissance called \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Humanists studied the “\_\_\_\_\_” ideas of Greece & Rome & believed that \_\_\_\_\_ could make the world a better place
5. What was expected of men & women in the Renaissance?
  - a. The “\_\_\_\_\_” was well educated, smart, can dance, write poetry, & play music; (called a “\_\_\_\_\_ Man”)
  - b. The “\_\_\_\_\_” should have the same qualities as men but should not seek \_\_\_\_\_ or political \_\_\_\_\_; (Renaissance women were better educated but had \_\_\_\_\_ than medieval women)



**Closure Activity:**

Directions: The image to the right is a visual metaphor that shows the factors that led to the Renaissance in Europe. Use the word bank to label each of the 7 parts on the visual. Be prepared to discuss your answers

Visual Metaphor Word Bank

- Classical ideas of Greece and Rome
- The growth of city-states
- Travel and trade
- Learning
- Medieval ideas
- Art
- Humanism

