

The Italian Renaissance

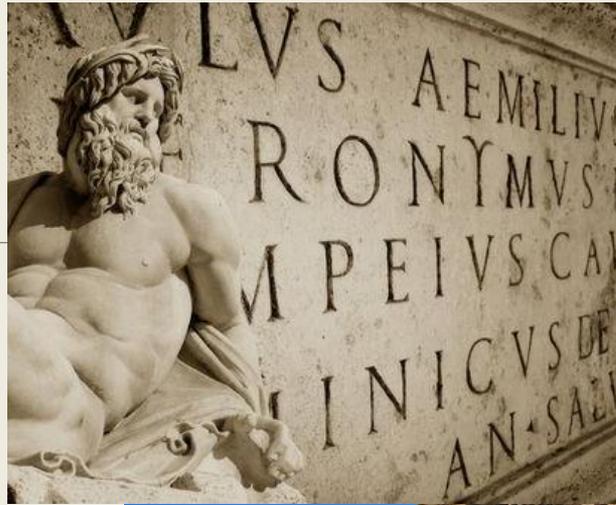
INTRODUCTION TO MAIN
IDEAS & IMPORTANT PEOPLE



What was the Renaissance?

- The term Renaissance literally means “re-birth”
- The period was a time of huge change and creativity in all aspects of culture including:
 - Political
 - Social
 - Economic
- BEFORE the renaissance, Medieval scholar focused on primarily religious beliefs and church teachings.
- DURING the renaissance great minds placed importance on the human experience and individual achievement.

Humanism:

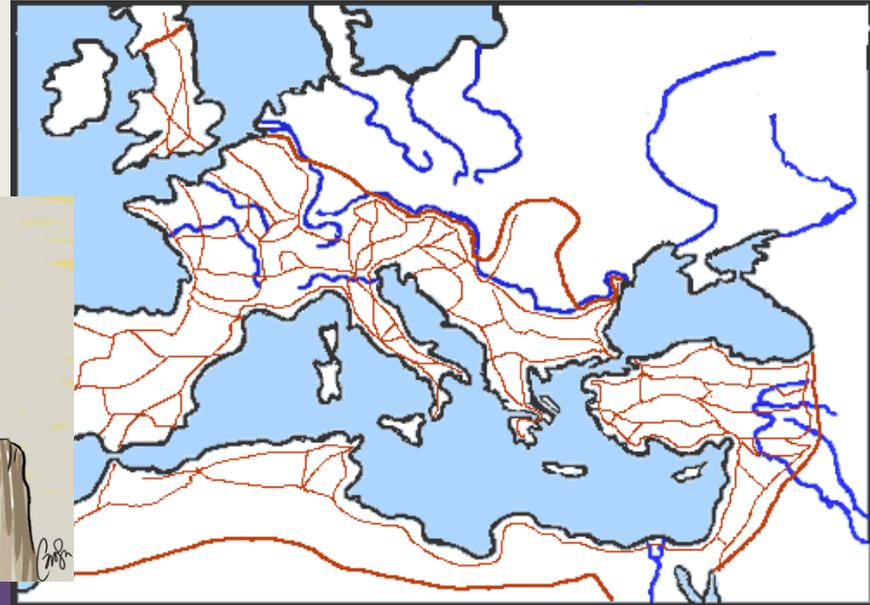
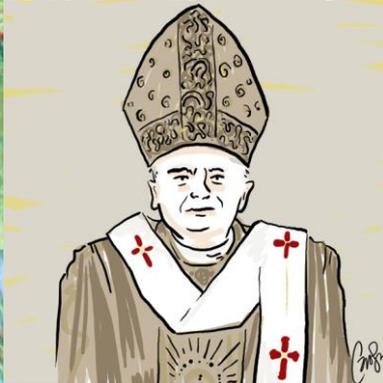
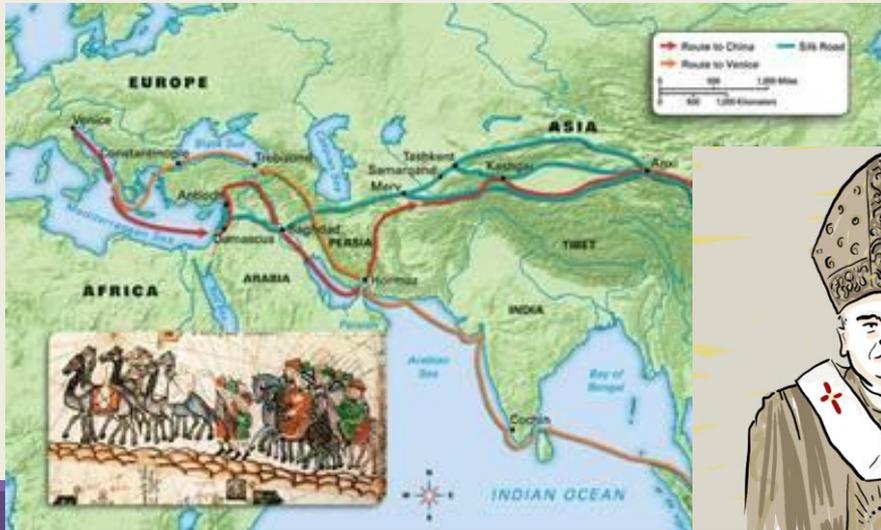


- A movement at the heart of the renaissance that focused on education and the “classics”
- Humanists believed that education should stimulate a person’s creative powers
 - **Humanities:** grammar, poetry, history



Why did the Renaissance begin in Italy?

- Trade provided new ideas & wealth
- Renaissance thinkers had a new interest in ancient Rome/Greece
- Church supported many artists/scholars



Medici Family:

- Italy was divided into local city-states and each was controlled by a wealthy family.
 - Political & Economic leadership
- Medici family held power in Florence (Firenze) from 1434-1512
- Lorenzo di Medici was a clever politician & generous **patron** (supporter) of the arts



Medici Family (continued):

- Lorenzo invited many poets, philosophers, and artists to the Medici palace and various other homes
- Many artists trained by sketching statues in the Medici palace gardens
- Because of this family, Florence became the city that most symbolized the Renaissance.

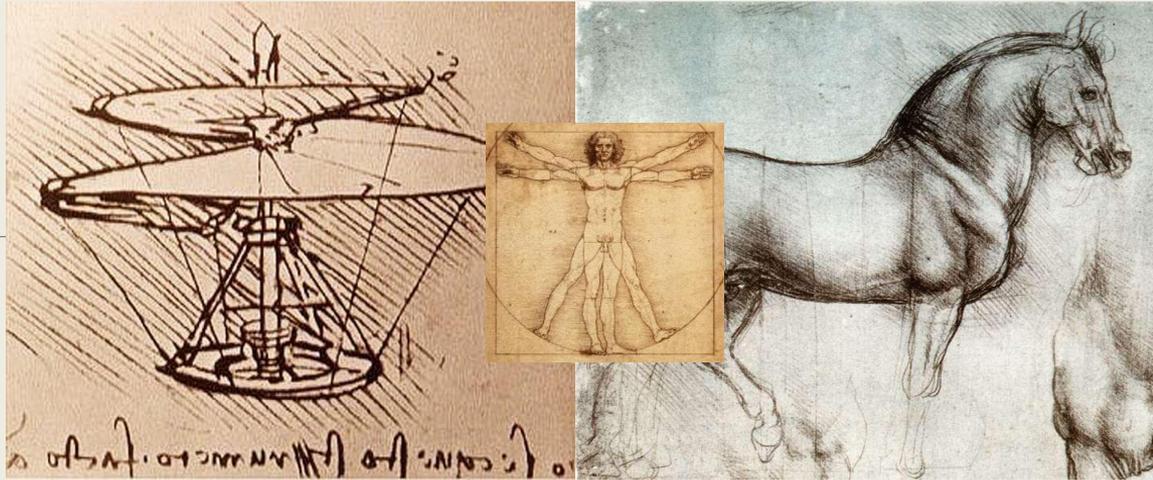


Power: Art

Because of the focus on new artistic techniques and the wealth after the plague, art was used to show others how wealthy and powerful you were



People & Art:

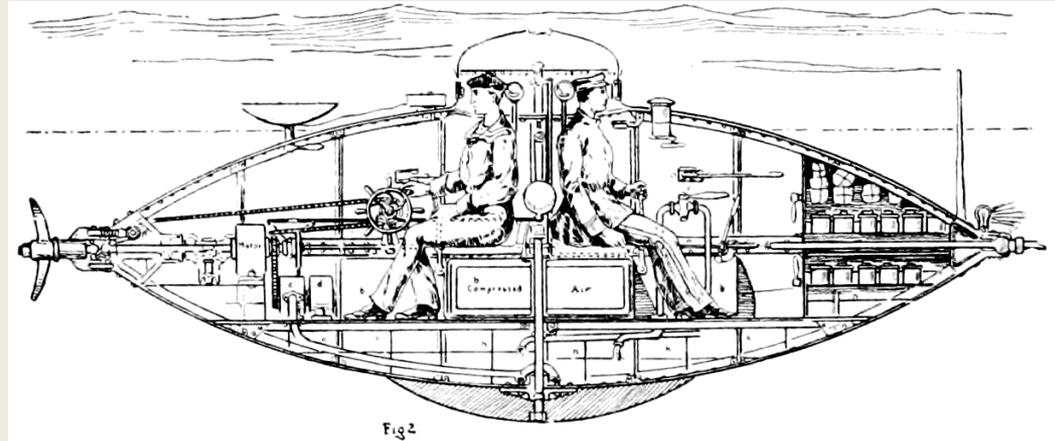


Leonardo da Vinci:

- Genius inventor and artist
- Specifically interested in anatomy and useful inventions

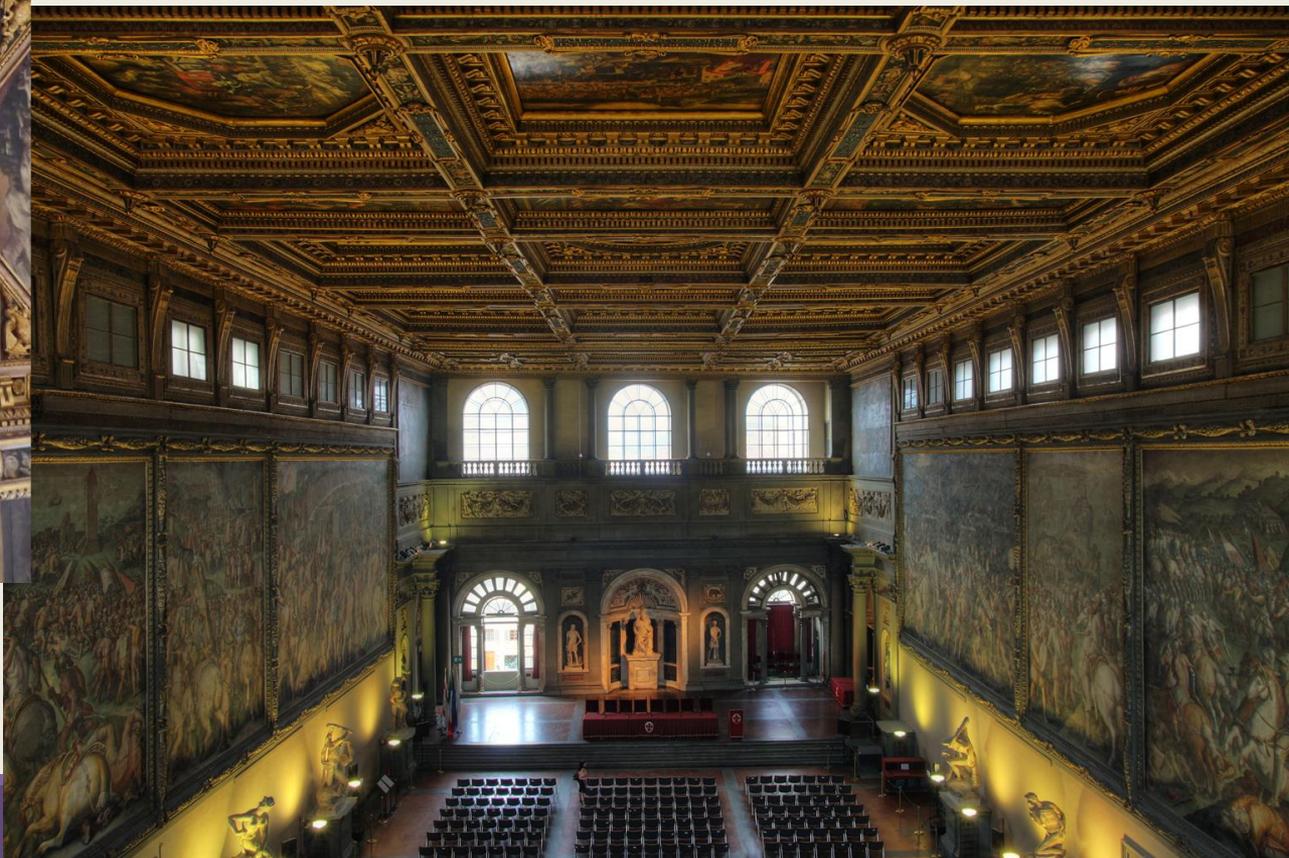
Sketched helicopters, airplanes and submarines before they were invented

- Famous work: Mona Lisa





Artist contracts often specifically detailed the amount & quality of materials and limited the number of artist assistants.



Power: Art

The Art of Printing:

Printing press

- Developed in Germany by **Johann Gutenberg**
- The first Bible was printed in 1455
 - Before this there were only a few thousand books in all of W. Europe
- Revolutionized the European world including elements such as social status and religion



Assignment:

With one partner create a tweet about or by one of the 5 main people/ideas of the renaissance.

Tweet must reflect a large idea or accomplishments of the period

Bonus points for using vocab in your tweet.



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