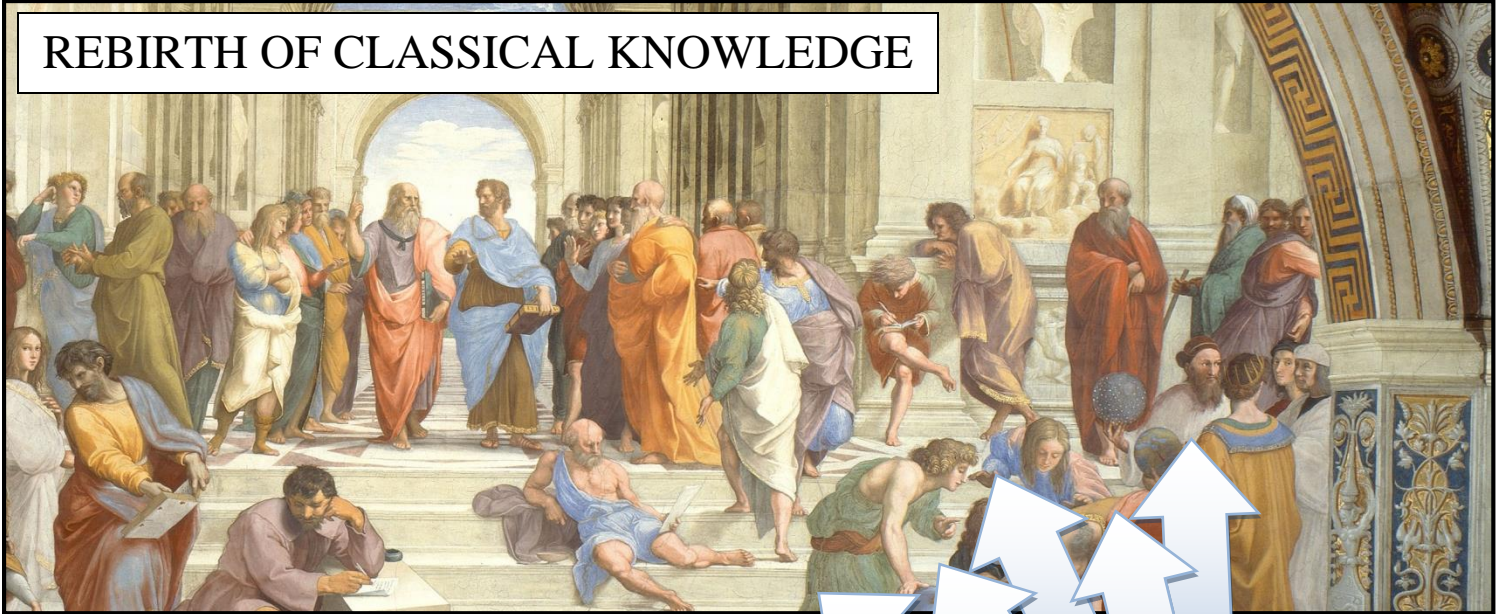




THE RENAISSANCE

## REBIRTH OF CLASSICAL KNOWLEDGE



## Artists

LEONARDO DA VINCI



MICHELANGELO  
BUONAROTTI



## Writers

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



*To be, or not  
to be: that is  
the question.*

# HUMANISM







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LIST THREE ADJECTIVES DESCRIBING...

### GREECE & ROME

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



### Middle Ages

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



**Renaissance** (n)- literally "rebirth"; era of renewed interest in classical (Greek & Roman) culture from roughly 1400-1600 CE

- After the fall of Rome (476 CE)...
  - Was the **MEDIEVAL PERIOD**
    - Besides a few highlights (Charlemagne, 100 Years War, the Plague), there are few things worth mentioning...
    - Lasted nearly 1,000 years
- Europe re-emerged after this era of stagnation in what is known as...

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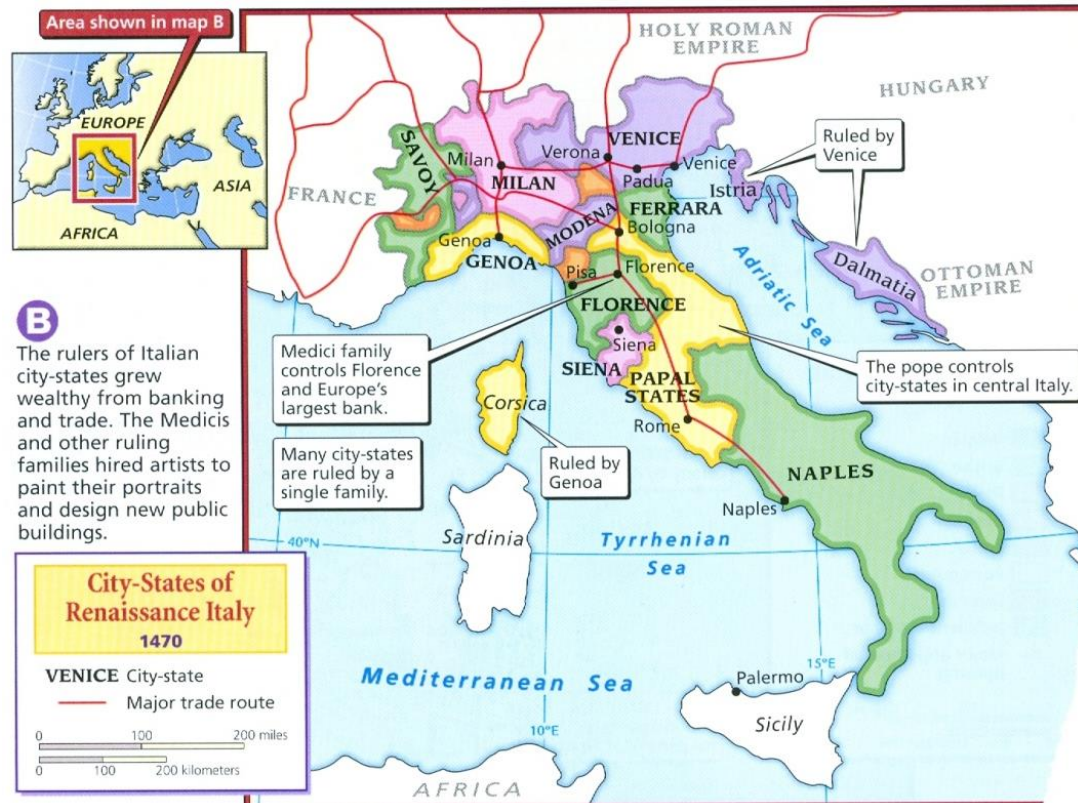
- Italian scholars began focusing on the works of ancient Greece and Rome
  - Works were compiled by Arabic, European, & Byzantine scholars
- Italian artists studied classical works of art

**Patron** (n)- someone who financially supports the arts

- Financed by Patrons

### RENAISSANCE BEGINS IN ITALY

- Italy had 3 advantages of the rest of Europe
  - 1. **BIG CITIES**
    - Overseas trade sparked by the Crusades
      - Led to growth of large city states
      - Large cities=Spread of new ideas
  - 2. **WEALTHY MERCHANTS**
    - Gained wealth from overseas trade
  - 3. **CLASSICAL HERITAGE**
    - It was literally all around them...







# MASTERS OF THE RENAISSANCE



*di Leonardo da Vinci*

LEONARDO DA VINCI

MICHELANGELO

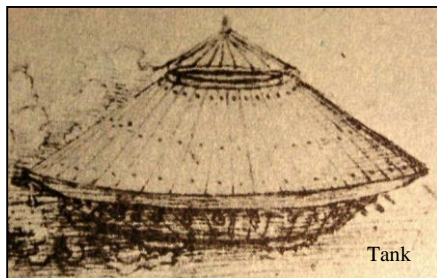
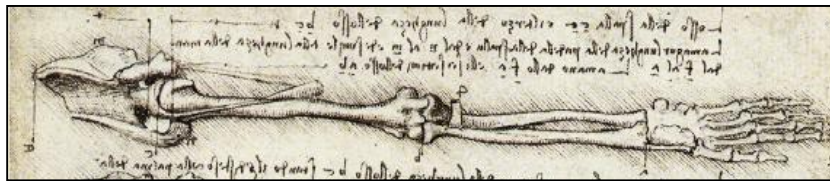
*Michelangelo*

Renaissance Man (n)- A Polymath; a person whose expertise spans a significant number of different subject areas

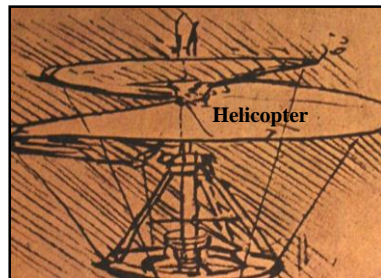


Da Vinci from  
Assassin's Creed

- One of the greatest painters of all time (only 17 remain)
- Huge procrastinator
  - Took years to complete projects
  - Many projects unfinished
- Could write with both hands at the same time... backwards.
- It is unknown why he did this
- Most Famous Work
- Kept journals daily (below):
  - Tank, helicopter, crossbow, fetus in womb



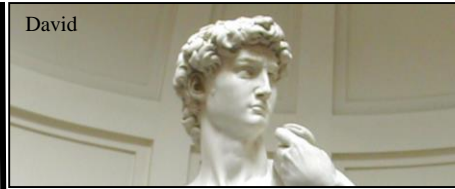
Tank



Helicopter

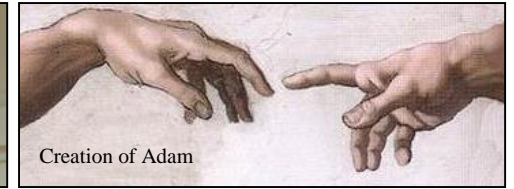


Mona Lisa

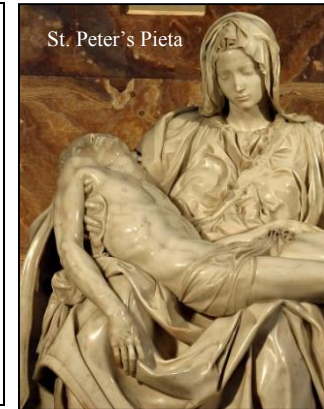


David

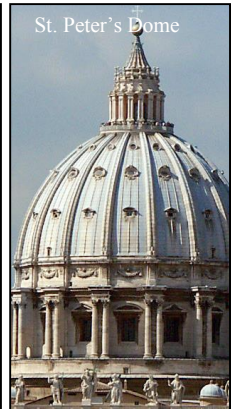
- A contemporary of Leonardo da Vinci
- M. is best known for his work on the Sistine Chapel
  - 4 Years to complete
- AKA Il Divino (the divine one)
  - The first western artist to have two biographies published during his lifetime



Creation of Adam



St. Peter's Pieta



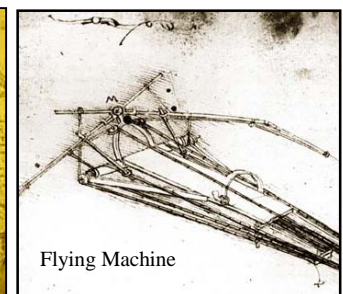
St. Peter's Dome



In Utero



Crossbow



Flying Machine





Prior to 1439, Cambridge University owned only 122 books. Each book was worth the same as a farm or a vineyard. Monks in a monastery handwrote all these books over the course of several years.





THE RENAISSANCE

# HUMANISM *or* ISM *not* ISM



**Humanism** (n)- An outlook or system of thought attaching **prime importance to human rather than divine** or supernatural matters; A Renaissance cultural movement that turned away from medieval scholasticism and revived interest in ancient Greek and Roman thought

## BEFORE HUMANISM

- Medieval scholars focused on the Bible and other religious works
- People were simply given information from the Church and expected to accept it as fact
- Extreme focus on Religion and the afterlife

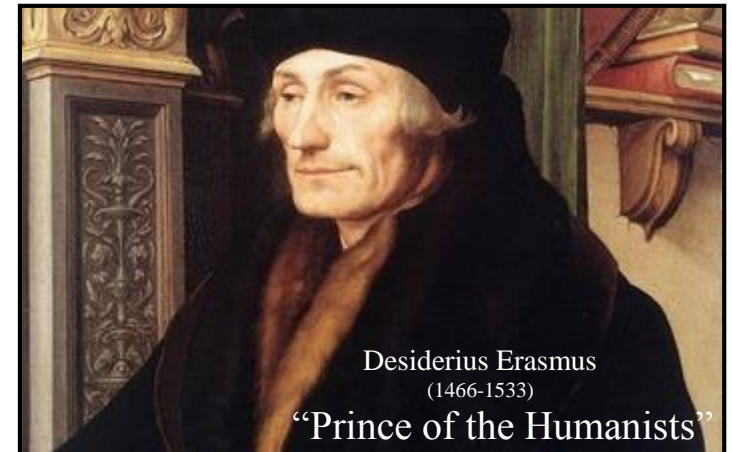
## DURING HUMANISM

- Led by great scholars like Erasmus
- People began to focus on the world around them
- Human potential
- Human abilities
- Human thinking

**Secular** (n)- Denoting attitudes, activities, or other things that have no religious or spiritual basis; **WORLDLY**

## AFTER HUMANISM

- Laid the foundation for the original thoughts built on reason in the Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment



Desiderius Erasmus  
(1466-1533)

“Prince of the Humanists”

TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS STATEMENT INTO A SECULAR ONE

The most important thing in this world is **GOD**. One should focus their lives around one thing... **RELIGION**. Everyone should be constantly thinking **HEAVEN**. The number one focus of all study should **THE BIBLE**. **THE BIBLE** is the most important subject in school. One should dress very **PLAINLY** and live in **MODEST** houses.