

Born Again Culture



The Renaissance describes a period of time in Europe. It is a period of time, more or less from 1300-1600. It happens after the Middle Ages. It is the beginning of Modern Europe.

Complete

1. Which came first, Renaissance or Middle Ages?
2. What is the Renaissance?

The Middle Ages, sometimes called the Dark Ages, supposedly had no culture. It was a dark and dangerous time. This isn't true. The culture existed, but it was boring. It was totally controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

Rewrite

The Middle Ages is sometimes called the Renaissance.

The Roman Catholic Church didn't control everything.

The Renaissance is the rebirth of culture. It is the rebirth of secular and classical culture. Secular means not controlled by the church. Classical means Greek and Roman. Culture means art, literature, and philosophy.

Complete

1. The Renaissance is a rebirth of what?
2. What do we mean by culture?
3. What is philosophy? (Google it)

The Renaissance is the rebirth of secular culture in Europe. Secular means not controlled by the church.

The church sponsored everything—sponsor is when you pay for something—so if the church didn't like something, that was it. You're finished.

During the Renaissance, there were secular sponsors.



Not sponsors like today. These sponsors were rich merchants. They were global traders. They were called patrons.

Rewrite

Secular means controlled by the Catholic Church.

The Renaissance was a rebirth of Catholic culture.

During the Renaissance, the church sponsored everything.

Patrons were members of the church.

During the Dark Ages, monks wrote most of the literature. The Catholic Church sponsored most of the art and architecture. New ideas were always linked to the church.



The Renaissance was secular. The people who sponsored the paintings, literature, and architecture weren't from the church. They were rich people called patrons. The patrons got rich from global trade.

Complete

1. Who sponsored most of the art during the Renaissance?
2. What is a patron?
3. How is the Renaissance different than the Dark Ages?

The Renaissance has to do with art, literature, and philosophy.

Below are the famous people we will examine. Put their name in **Google Image** and see what you get.

Rabbits can scan the Wikipedia entry

Leonardo Da Vinci was an artist. He made the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper.

GoogleImage

Last Supper	Mona Lisa
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Michelangelo was a sculptor. He made the Pieta and David and the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Pieta	David (wowza!)	Sistine Chapel
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William Shakespeare was an English writer. He wrote sonnets and plays.

Romeo & Juliet	Macbeth	Sonnet 138
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Erasmus was a Dutch philosopher. He wrote about humanism in the Praise of Folly.

Praise of Folly	Humanism
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The Renaissance is secular and modern. But many of the things that the Renaissance produced are religious. For example, there is the famous fresco on the top of the Sistine Chapel. The artist Michelangelo did this. He was Italian. The Renaissance started in Italy. Much of the Italian Renaissance art is religious.

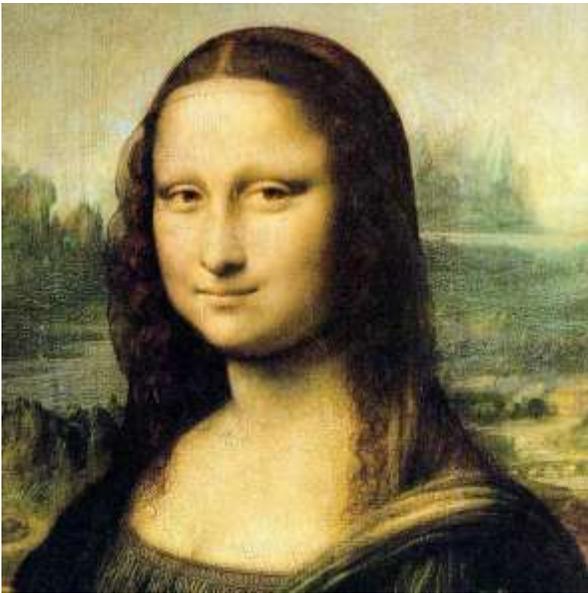
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1. Where did the Renaissance begin?



Creation of Man – From Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel

Leonardo Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* is totally secular. It was paid for by a rich patron. It is of his wife. It has nothing to do with the church. It was paid for by a rich patron.



Complete

Who did this painting?



What is it called?

Who paid for it?

Complete

Who did this fresco?



Who paid for it?

The Renaissance started in Italy. The reason it started in Italy was because the Italians were the best traders.



The Renaissance also started in Italy because Italy was the center of the Roman Empire. The Renaissance is a rebirth of secular culture. Europeans thought Roman culture was the apex of secular culture. Apex means the best example. Greco-Roman culture = classical



(Classical stuff shows the beauty of the human body. Sexy!)

Rewrite

1. The Renaissance started in Germany.
2. One reason it started in Italy was there were many church sponsors.
3. The Renaissance also started in Italy because of the strong influence of the German Empire.
4. Roman culture is the apex of Catholic culture.

Classical culture copies Greek and Roman art. This kind of art emphasizes the beauty of the human body. Catholic culture emphasizes the glory of God. So, they are sort of the opposite.

For example, look at this statue of David by Michelangelo.



And this Greek sculpture:

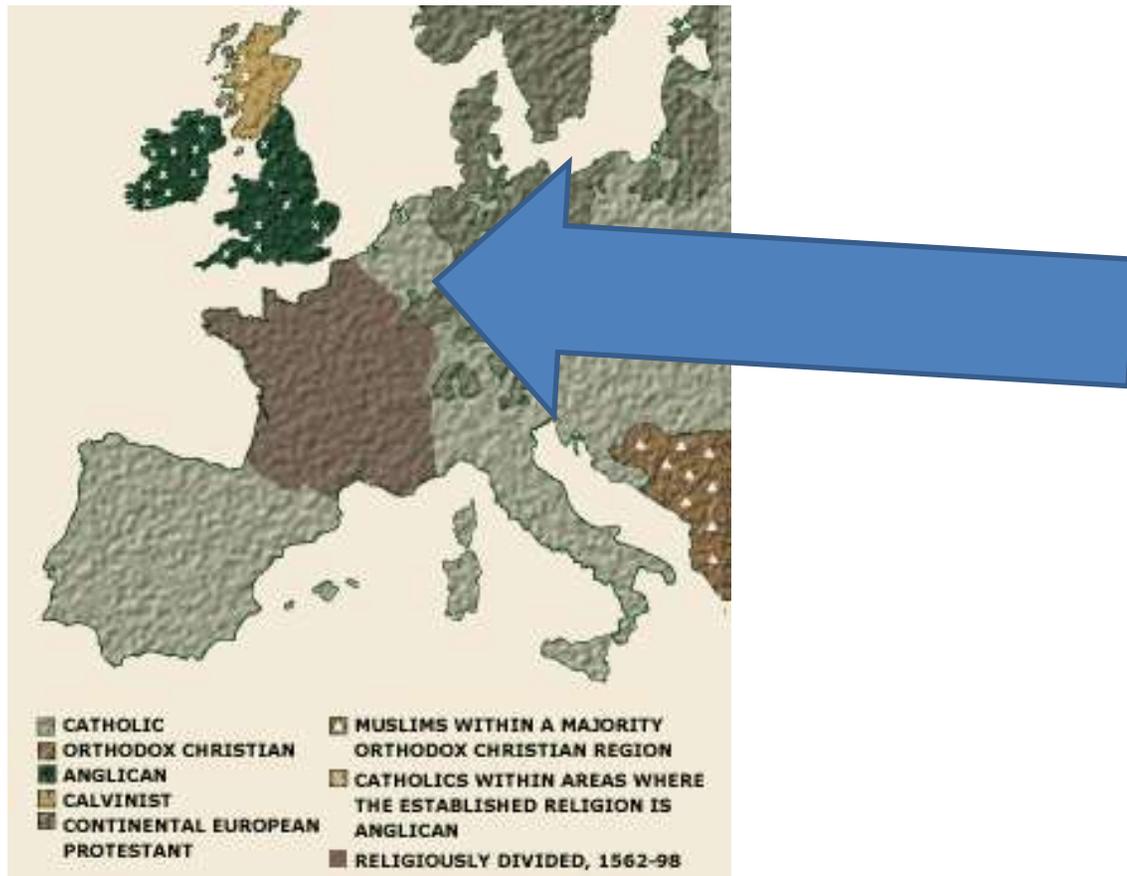


They both show the beauty of the human body.

Complete

1. Classical culture copies what?
2. Classical culture emphasizes what?
3. Roman Catholic culture emphasizes what?
4. Why is the Statue of David naked?

The Renaissance mostly happened in Italy. It spread North to places that speak German and Dutch. The most important place was Holland. This is called the Northern Renaissance.



In Italy, most of the art remained very religious and true to the Catholic Church.

The Northern Renaissance became even more secular. It actually became sort of against the church, or anti-Catholic. It became pro-Protestant. We will learn about Catholics and Protestants in the next lesson.

Complete

1. Where does the Renaissance spread?
2. What is it called when it spreads there?

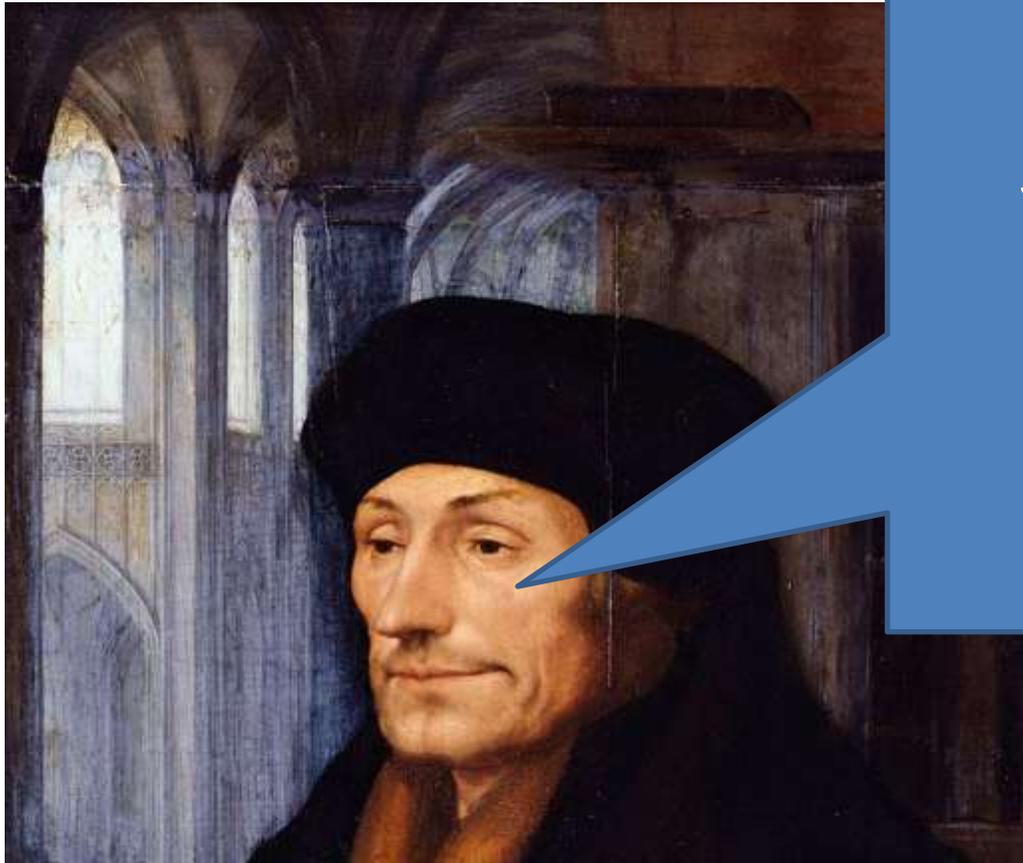
In Holland, there was one man who had very secular ideas.

His name was Erasmus. He came up with some ideas that are known as humanism. When you think of humanism, think about being an individual.

Erasmus said:

“YOLO! Don't live for the church. Live for yourself. Be an individual.”

Erasmus = Humanism = Individuals = YOLO



YOLO!

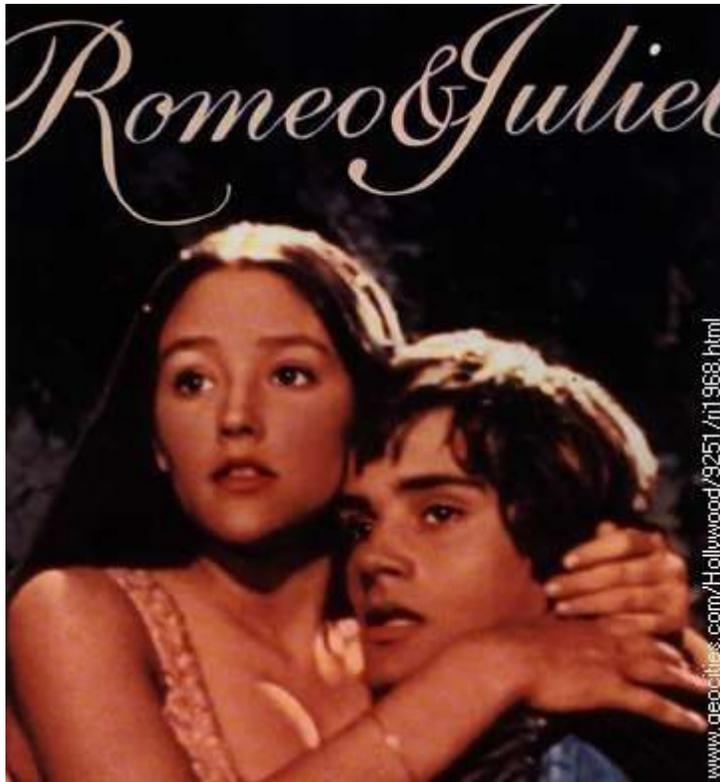
Complete

1. Why is Erasmus famous?
2. What is humanism?

Complete

Wikipedia humanism. What does it emphasize?

In England, Shakespeare was the man. He is a famous writer. He wrote many plays like Romeo and Juliet. He also wrote sonnets, which are love poems.



Complete

1. Why is Shakespeare famous?
2. What did he write? (Google it)

The Renaissance is like a secular revolution. It is a revolution of ideas and art. It is possible because of global trade and merchant patrons. It makes people feel free of the Catholic Church. It coincides with the Reformation, which we will study next. The Reformation tears Europe into two sides.

Complete

1. What kind of revolution is the Renaissance?
2. Who are the four Renaissance people we studied?
3. What are we going to study next?

YOLO!

