

## THE RENAISSANCE – EXERCISES

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**Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. When and where did the Renaissance take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened when the plague spread across Europe? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who profited from the new middle class? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which city became the centre of the Renaissance in Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why could explorers travel longer distances? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why were India and Asia so important to Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Which places did the Spanish explore and conquer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How did Johannes Gutenberg change the lives of many Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What kind of books did people in Europe want to read? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. How did Martin Luther protest against the Roman Catholic church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What does the word humanism mean and how did it change the lives of people? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did Renaissance artists experiment with? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which guilds were very important in Florence? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What was the name of the most important family in Florence? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name three famous paintings of Leonardo da Vinci. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. What else was he interested in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Why did people, many centuries later, think he was ahead of his time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	citizen			a very big country controlled by a king or a queen
B	cloth			it lets you jump out of an airplane and slows you down when fall to the ground
C	empire			the top part of a room
D	ivory			an intelligent person who reads and writes a lot
E	printing press			the special way of doing something
F	scholar			a machine that prints newspapers and books
G	romance			when an object has two parts of the same form and size
H	ceiling			a book that is written every year and has information about many things
I	coin			someone who lives in a city or country and has rights there
J	dye			a new machine or object
K	symmetrical			person who plans and builds roads and bridges
L	topic			a love story
M	parachute			to be disloyal to a friend who trusts you
N	engineer			to change the colour of something
O	invention			a round piece of metal that is used as money
P	technique			the hard yellowish-white material from an elephant's teeth
Q	betray			group of people who have the same job
R	almanac			material used to make clothes
S	guild			subject

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**Match the beginnings of the sentences with the sentence endings.  
There are TWO endings you will not need.**

A	During the Middle Ages poor people worked the land of noblemen		became wealthy and spent a lot of money
B	The plague spread throughout Europe		thanks to the wealth of the Medici family
C	During the Renaissance a new middle class		and brought back silk and spices from Asia
D	Italian city states were the centres		he didn't like about the Roman Catholic church
E	Portuguese explorers sailed around Africa		who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
F	Books and other written manuscripts became cheaper		and were protected by them
G	In the Middle Ages only priests and monks		who became the major of Florence
H	Scholars of the Renaissance		many objects of everyday life had geometrical forms
I	In 1517 Martin Luther posted a list of things		and killed almost half of its population
J	Renaissance artists discovered that		and separated from the Roman Catholic church
K	Michaelangelo was a famous Florentine artist		were able to read Latin books
L	Florence was one of the most powerful cities of the Renaissance		but was also interested in science and engineering
M	Leonardo da Vinci was not only a painter		of trade and banking
			when Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press
			returned to reading Roman and Greek writings

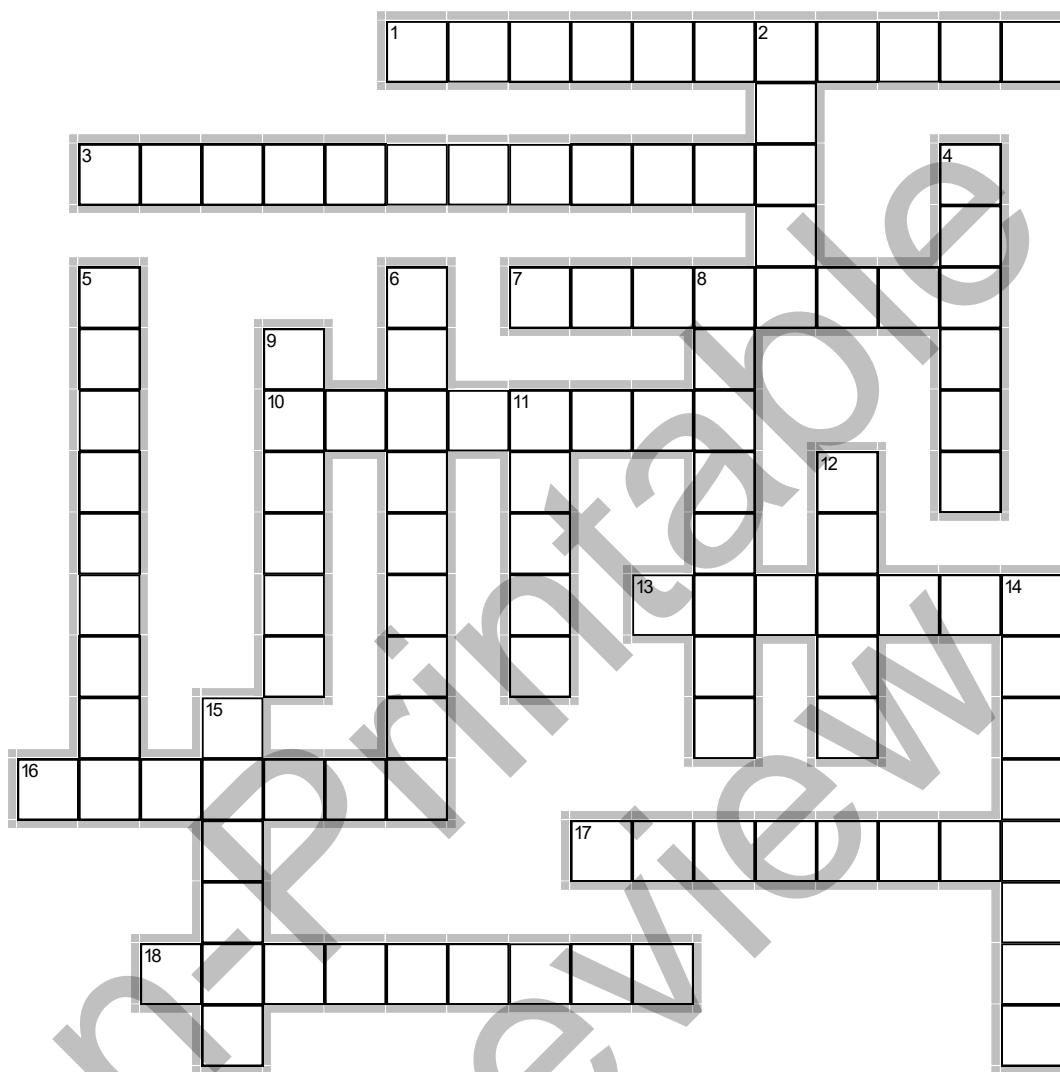
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Look for 13 words about the Renaissance (→←↖↖↙↖↑) and mark them.

M	K	M	K	L	U	T	H	E	R	T
J	O	K	X	J	C	S	U	D	R	O
J	N	N	O	G	Q	G	K	A	S	S
G	L	R	A	P	A	T	I	V	C	E
E	G	U	I	L	D	C	S	I	L	K
C	O	J	P	E	I	M	S	N	O	V
M	W	J	Y	D	T	S	B	C	T	B
U	R	S	E	U	A	R	A	I	H	B
Z	U	M	F	L	O	R	E	N	C	E
M	E	R	C	H	A	N	T	V	Q	M
G	O	G	U	T	E	N	B	E	R	G

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### Crossword



#### Across

- way of drawing that makes things look closer or farther away
- famous painter and sculptor of the Renaissance
- person who buys and sells things
- famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci (2 words)
- someone who lives in a city or country and has rights there
- rich
- powerful Italian city during the Renaissance
- inventor of the printing press (last name)

#### Down

- material used for making clothes
- churchman who separated from the Roman Catholic Church (last name)
- an object made out of stone, wood or another material by an artist
- place where monks live
- writings of Greek and Roman philosophers
- very big country controlled by a king or queen
- language in which most books were written in the Middle Ages
- group of people who have the same profession
- person who is a member of the highest social class and has a title
- deadly disease that killed millions during the Renaissance

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### The Renaissance - Complete the text with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.

The Renaissance was an age of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe. A new middle class (2) \_\_\_\_\_ after the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ had killed millions of people. Many people became (4) \_\_\_\_\_ because they had more money to spend. They bought clothes made of valuable (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and paintings from well-known artists. They also read a lot because books were written in their own (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and not in Latin any more.

The cities became the centres of the Renaissance. They had famous (7) \_\_\_\_\_ who gave them much money. Bankers and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ were the wealthiest people during this time in history.

Explorers were able to travel longer (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with the help of boats that had sails. They also had better instruments and (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Many explorers tried to find a route to India and other parts of Asia where they could buy (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and silk.

The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Renaissance did not believe that much in religion and god. They thought that being rich and having money was more important. Martin Luther, a German (13) \_\_\_\_\_, wrote a list of things he didn't like about the church and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ them on the door of his own church in Germany.

Artists found new ways of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures. They experimented with (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and painted with realism. One of the most famous was Leonardo da Vinci, who also drew plans for new (17) \_\_\_\_\_ and tried to find out a lot about the human (18) \_\_\_\_\_.

body  
churchman  
citizens  
distances  
emerged  
growth  
humanists  
language  
machines  
maps  
merchants  
navigators  
painting  
perspective  
plague  
posted  
sculptures  
silk  
spices  
wealthier

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What do you know about the Renaissance. Write the main facts into the boxes below.

The Middle Class

Humanism

Art

Exploration and trade



Religion