

An ornate, multi-layered gold frame with intricate floral and scrollwork carvings surrounds the text. The frame has a wide, decorative outer border and a narrower inner border with a beaded pattern.

*The
Renaissance*

What is the Renaissance?

- The beginning of modern history
- The rebirth of classical ideas
- A period of extensive cultural growth
- Had the greatest impact on the upper classes of society

Humanism

- A philosophical idea with an emphasis on individualism – Man should/has:
 - Seek fulfillment in daily life
 - Challenge long held beliefs
 - Individual dignity and worth
 - A well-rounded education

The Renaissance Man

“The ideal Renaissance man was an aristocrat or member of the moneyed class, well mannered, and witty. He had learned enough to understand good literature, painting, and music. The so-called Renaissance man was well formed in body and good at sports. In the arts of war, he was a brave and able soldier.”

Why it began in Italy

- Location, location, location!
- Scholarly refuge
- Decentralized government
- Papal influence

Patronage

- Artists and writers benefited from the financial support of wealthy business men and aristocrats
- The Medici Family, Florentine bankers, were the most influential

People of the Renaissance

- Michelangelo
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Shakespeare
- Donatello
- Raphael
- Jan van Eyck
- Erasmus
- Botticelli
- Galileo
- Machiavelli
- Gutenberg
- Cervantes

