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## **Renaissance Web Quest NOTES**

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### **Introduction**

1. "Renaissance" is the French word for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. During the Renaissance, Europe emerged from financial stagnation and experienced financial growth. (True or False)
3. The Renaissance was an age in which \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thought turned in a new direction.

### **Out of the Middle Ages**

4. In the late Middle Ages, people left the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so they could engage in more profitable pursuits.
5. The bubonic plague was also called the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. How could the people avoid the disease?
7. Why did the plague spread rapidly in the cities?
8. The population decrease caused by the plague led to an \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Exploration and Trade**

9. What is an astrolabe?
10. What twelfth century invention was improved upon during the Renaissance?
11. What did cartographers do?
12. How did shipbuilding improve during the Renaissance?
13. Name four Asian spices that came from the east. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
14. Also from the east came \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a fabric especially sought after for women's clothing.
15. How were the trading voyages paid for?

### **Printing and Thinking**

16. Who invented the printing press? What year was it invented?
17. Why did book making become less expensive?

18. During the Middle Ages, most books were written in \_\_\_\_\_
19. Readers began to want a wider variety of books such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
20. What new philosophy emerged during the Renaissance?
21. The humanists rediscovered writings on scientific matters, \_\_\_\_\_, rhetoric, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Symmetry, Shape, and Size**

22. Greeks and Romans employed \_\_\_\_\_ to give structure to their art.
23. What shape is often found in nature?
24. Who was Vitruvius?
25. What were the Gothic spires replaced by?

### **Focus on Florence**

26. The changes we associate with the Renaissance first occurred in the Italian city of \_\_\_\_\_
27. What made Florence a model of Renaissance culture?
28. In 1425, the city had a population of \_\_\_\_\_ and was a self-governed, city-state.
29. What were the most powerful guilds? Why?
30. Florence's wealth was dependent on the manufacture or trade of primarily \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Sea trade was a primary source of income for Florence. (True / False)
32. The Florentine gold coin was known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
33. The \_\_\_\_\_, which was constructed in 1299, was the home of the Florentine guilds.