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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.