

Unit 2 - The Renaissance

Background Information:

The Renaissance was a time period from the 1400s – 1700s that saw great cultural and intellectual change throughout Europe.

Middle Ages v. The Renaissance

With your partner, write down everything you know from the Middle Ages. Remember to include all aspects of society including art, literature, daily life, religion, social classes, etc.

When you are finished, write a 3 sentence statement on your opinion on this time period.

GO!

The Medici Family

Known as the most powerful family in all of Europe, the Medicis owned the biggest bank in all of Italy.

Although they were not "royalty", the Medicis were well respected and known throughout Europe.



The 'Most Famous' Medici:

Lorenzo the Magnificent was a talented and ambitious young man who made Florence, Italy a center for the arts.

Florence was a republic at the time. It had no king, and the wealthiest families ruled the city. These wealthy families wanted to live the good life.

If you were a wealthy individual of Florence in 1490...what would you want?



Responses:

1.

2.

3.

4.



The Medici family and other wealthy families of Italy hired Renaissance artists to build their palaces, paint their portraits, and bring art and wealth to their nation.

So...what's so great about the Medici family?

Simply...they financed many of the great works of art we see across Italy and Europe today!

Because of their great wealth and their interest in art, the Medici family hired artists, architects, writers, etc. to build the cities of Italy we see today.

The Medicis loved their city! They wanted it to be the center of the greatest art in the world.







