



The Renaissance



I. What was the Renaissance?

- > Rebirth of classical Greek & Roman literature, art, & philosophy
- Centered on the revival of interest in the classical learning of Greece & Rome



II. Humanism

- > An intellectual movement based on the study of the humanities or liberal arts: grammar, rhetoric, poetry, philosophy, mathematics, & history.
- > Petrarch is considered the father of humanism
 - □ Emphasized Latin (used by the Romans)
- > Humanists emphasized the following:
 - □ the classics
 - □ worldly issues over religious issues
 - □ the human being
 - □ well-rounded citizens
 - active citizenship



III. The Renaissance began in Italy

- Cities like Florence, Milan, and Venice were prosperous centers of trade and manufacturing.
 - □Strong middle class
 - □ Trade
 - □Patrons of the Arts
 - · Example: Medici Family







IV. Printing

- A. Before the printing press
 - 1. Books were written by hand
 - -timely, costly, errors, & rare

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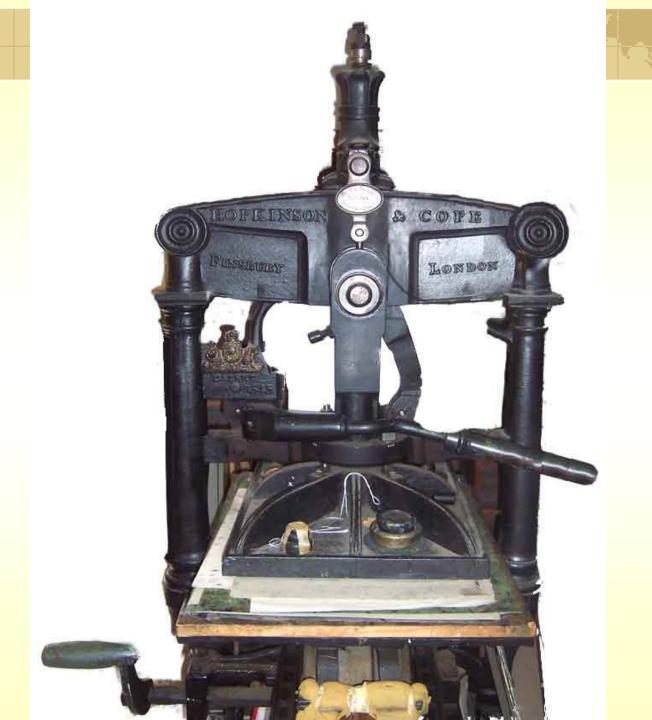


B. Johann Gutenberg is credited with the first use of movable type -Gutenberg Bible was the first European book printed in movable type (ca. 1455)











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C. Impact

- -18 countries by 1500 had printing presses
- -8 million books in Europe by 1500
- -books were made in greater quantity
- -cheaper (now poor could own books)
- -more accurate
- -spread of learning/renaissance/religious ideas



V. Notable Figures & Important Terms

- Leonardo Bruni most important translator of the Renaissance (i.e. Plato, Aristotle)
 - □New works were produced in the vernacular = the everyday language of the people
- ➤ William Shakespeare famous English writer, author of *Romeo & Juliet*



- > Renaissance Man A cultured man of the Renaissance who was knowledgeable, educated, or proficient in a wide range of fields
 - □Example: Leonardo da Vinci





Leonardo da Vinci 1452 - 1519

