

# Innovative Italy



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# History



The Renaissance is a period of time during the 14th to 17th century in Europe. The word renaissance is the French word for rebirth. It is considered to be a time of the growth of art, such as paintings and sculptures by Michelangelo, architecture, and literature, including the work of William Shakespeare. The birthplace of the Renaissance was Italy, but the ideas of studying the classic learnings of the Greeks and Romans spread throughout Europe to places like England, Spain, and Russia. The Renaissance period was truly a wonderful time to experience the growth of art and culture.

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# The Sistine Chapel



The painted ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, located in the Vatican in Rome, is one of the most breathtaking sites you will ever experience. Painted by Michelangelo and commissioned by Pope Julius, this arduous task took four years to complete. Watch the video included in the slide and you recognize the many biblical characters and stories told in the Old Testament.

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# Renaissance Man: William Shakespeare



William Shakespeare is one of the most famous writers in history. He is my favorite Renaissance thinker because he created so many plays that we still read today! One of my favorite stories is the romantic tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*. I think that Shakespeare is a genius because he practically invented many words and phrases we use today.

# G.R.A.P.E.S.

## Geography

There are three climate zones of Europe. The nearest ocean is the Atlantic.



## Religion

Catholicism was still the main religion during this time. In the 16th century there was a change in the church led by people like Martin Luther and John Calvin.



## Achievements

There were so many achievements during this time, but some of the most impressive were created by Leonardo Da Vinci. Watch the video to get more information.



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## Politics

During this time there were many wars between kingdoms, but the most power still remained with the church and the pope.



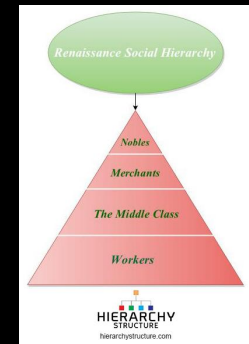
## Economics

During this period the wealthy families of Italy lent money to banks! Some well known families were the Borgia, Pazzi and Medici.



## Social Structure

The social structure of the Renaissance remained similar to the end of the late middle ages. Most of the power remained with the wealthy, while the workers were at the bottom.



# Come Visit the Renaissance

With new technology, now we can go back to the most amazing time in history! This was a time of learning, experimenting, questioning, and creating!

This is the best place to take a vacation because you get to see sites that have been beautifully constructed.

Experience the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Sistine Chapel, and the many cathedrals of Europe.

Experience the paintings, the sculptures, and the architecture of Europe.

Experience the Renaissance!



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