The Renaissance



1400 - 1600

The word *renaissance*[ren-uh-sahns] is French for rebirth

Vitruvian Man by Leonardo DiVinci



The Renaissance is also known as the

"Age of Enlightenment"



Becoming aware of the world



- The Search of Knowledge
- Life in the Renaissance
- Exploration
- Science and Technology
- Visual Art and Architecture
- Music

- Humanism
 - People should be free to think about the world
 - Curiosity is better better than unquestioning acceptance
 - People begin to focus on themselves rather than the whole group

 Exploration, and the acquisition of land in far away places was a big part of the Renaissance

Magellan's ship in his quest to sail around the earth: Victoria



The Reformation

 1517, Martin Luther, posts 95 theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany

-He was excommunicated and the Lutheran

Church began

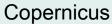


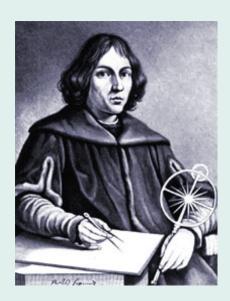
Copernicus

Establishes the theory that the earth revolves

around the sun







Glass and metal spectacles are invented.



People first cut their hair with scissors



use buttons to fasten their clothes



use 'silvered' mirrors to check their reflections

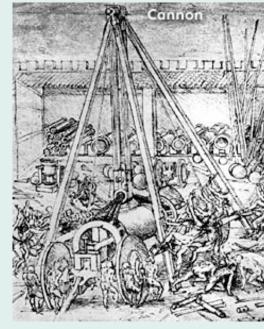


 Monarchs seek to unite countries into nations under their total control

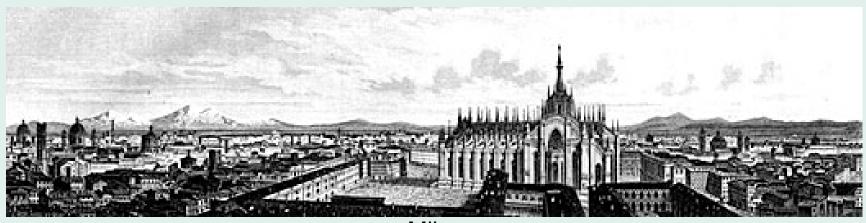
 construction of factories that use Renaissance technology to make better cannons and gunpowder

- These weapons are in great demand, as territorial

disputes fuel on-going wars in Italy



- Cities grow in population as well as importance
- The importance of a city is determined by the ability of the craftsmen, masters, apprentices, and laborers

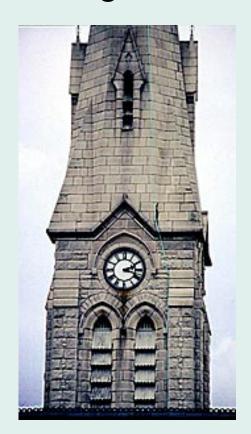


Milan

• Emergence of the "middle class" with importance on love of family, domestic comfort, the education of the children, the value of work well done, and an active role in community affairs.



 Clocks become public in most towns and cities and begin to order peoples lives into a schedule.



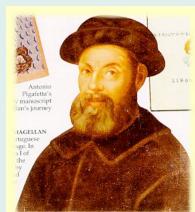
- 1619 Slave trade begins
- Slaves brought to Virginia



Exploration

- Ferdinand Magellan 1480-1521
 - Portuguese sea explorer that worked for Spain.
 - He was the first to sail from Europe westwards to Asia
 - He named the Pacific Ocean.
 - He is also remembered as the first to circumnavigate the globe





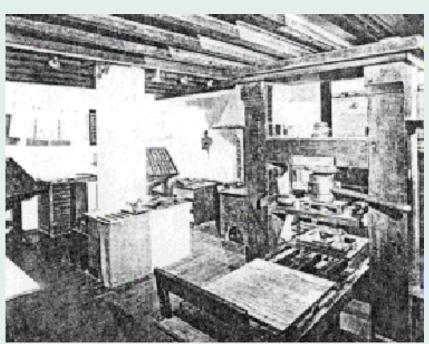
Exploration

- Christopher Columbus (1452 1506)
 - Italian sailor in the service of Spain
 - Set sail westward across the Atlantic in search of China
 - Reaches the West Indies and South America.
 - First to use the term "New World" to describe the Americas
 - His voyages helped make Spain a major European power with control over much of the Caribbean and

the Americas

Science & Technology

- Technology provided a better source of communication
- The printing press was invented in 1455



Gutenburg's printing press

Science & Technology

- Introduction of the blast furnace.
 - This furnace could heat iron so hot that the molten metal could be poured into molds instead of being hammered into shape
 - Ironworkers could make bigger and stronger iron objects, particularly cannons and cannonballs



Science & Technology

Navigation is assisted by the invention of the astrolabe and geometric compasses



 Visual Art becomes more realistic and concerned with the human form



Archangel Gabriel, detail of Alterpiece by Hubert and Jan van Eyck

- Botticelli
- 1480 Primivera





Michelagelo "Pieta"



Michelagelo
The Sistine Chapel

Michelangelo

- 1508 1512 Paints the Sistine Chapel
- Michelangelo was known as a sculptor, but Pope Julius II insisted that Michelangelo do the painting
- 131 feet long x 43 feet wide over 5,000 square feet of frescoes!!



Leonardo daVinci "Mona Lisa" 1504 - 1505

Music became more complex and ornate as did Architecture



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- Motet
 - music for voice
 - four voices all of equal importance
- Polyphony
 - many voices
 - it got to be so complicated that music was nearly banned from the church

Motet

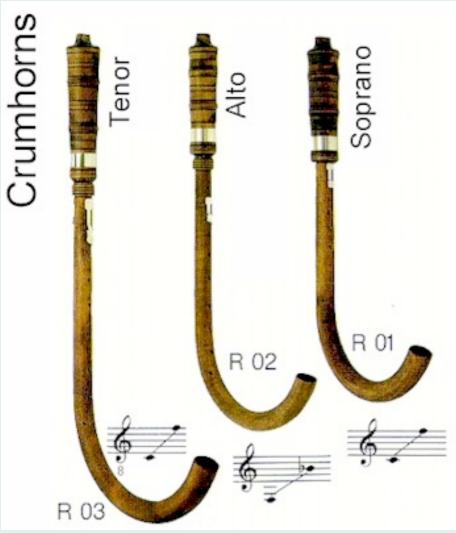




- Josquin Des Prez 1440 1521
 - is considered the greatest composer of the Renaissance
 - he uses a Gregorian Chant as the basis for the church music
 - Also wrote Chansons
 - secular songs
 - Martin Luther said
 - "Josquin is master of the notes, which must express what he desires; other choral composers must do what the notes dictate."

Krumhorn– or Crumhorn

Inside the cap is a double reed like an oboe or a bassoon. They are very loud and sound a little like a duck call.



- In the Renaissance, composers also began writing polyphonic (*many voices*), pieces just for instruments.
 - These pieces were often written to accompany ballroom dancing and to entertain nobility at their court.



- Recorders and lutes were two of the most common instruments.
 - Recorders and viols in all different sizes played together in groups called consorts.
 - Other instruments of the Renaissance were lutes, shawms, krummhorns, and small version of trumpets and trombones. Often instruments and voices combined for variety.



A shawm has a double reed like an oboe



The Lute was the most popular instrument of the time. People in upper class families learned to play this instrument for entertainment.

Sacbutt



The sacbutt is the ancestor of the trombone. It came in different sizes to play in different keys.



- Thomas Tallis was a Catholic composer for four English monarchs. Thomas Tallis was from the Renaissance period. He was born in 1505. Where he was born is unknown. He died at the age of 80 in 1585, in Greenwich, England.
- Tallis was a royal composer under Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary Tudor, and Elizabeth I. He worked in England. Tallis worked as an organist and did other professional things for the English monarchs. William Byrd was his student and influenced Tallis' development in music.

- When the Lutheran church split from the Catholic church in the 1500's, more than religion changed
- Martin Luther wanted all of his congregation to take part in the music of his services so there were songs



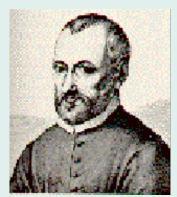
Martin Luther

- This new chorale style was the basis for many hymns that are still sung today.
- The chorale was composed for voices, but two hundred years later, Bach would use the form for his organ pieces.



One of Luther's most famous hymns - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

- Giovanni di Palestrina was the greatest and best known composer for the Roman Catholic Church.
- He had a triumphant career as the leading composer of Catholic church music.
- Palestrina's Pope Marcellus Mass was written for the "purification" of Catholic church music. It is written for six voices, but the text is still well understood, which pleased church officials greatly





Giovanni da Palestrina, Second Book of Masses, 1597

- Music began to be very complex more and more parts were added
- composers began to care more about the music than the religious message
- Church leaders were worried that no one could understand the words

- At the Council of Trent, (a meeting of church leaders) the Pope ordered that in sacred music the words were more important than the music
- Palestrina was given the job of making the church music easier for the people to understand
- The music became chordal like the hymns

