

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Raphael's fresco 'The School of Athens'. It depicts a group of ancient Greek philosophers in a grand, classical architectural setting with arches and statues. The figures are engaged in various activities of study and teaching, such as Plato pointing to the sky and Aristotle gesturing towards the earth. The scene is filled with numerous figures, some standing and some sitting on the steps of the archway.

Intro to the Renaissance

A Pando Project Presentation with Annabelle

TURTLES



What do the Ninja Turtles, the printing press, and the Mona Lisa all have in common?

- They all are connected to the Renaissance era!
- Can anyone list the names of the four Ninja Turtles?
 - Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo, and Raphael, named after important artists of the Renaissance
- Fun Fact!
 - Renaissance literally means “rebirth” in French
 - Why do you think this is?
 - What do you know about the era?

What was the Renaissance?

- Roughly between 1300-1600
- Started in Italy and soon spread to the rest of Europe
- Explosion of art, architecture, scientific discovery, and philosophy
- Return to ideals of Ancient Greek societies
- Importance of individuality



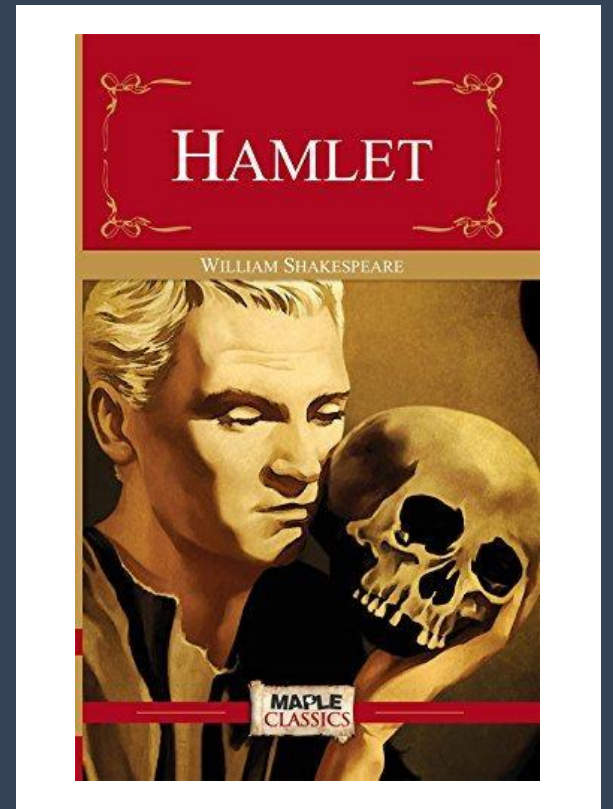
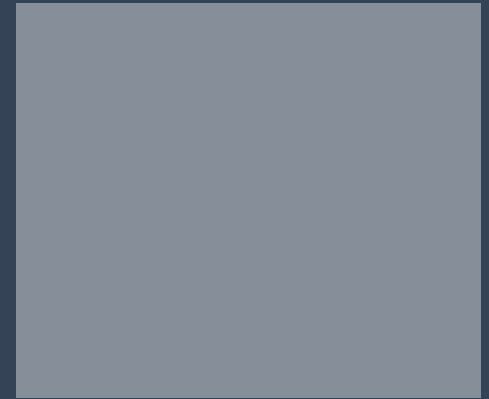
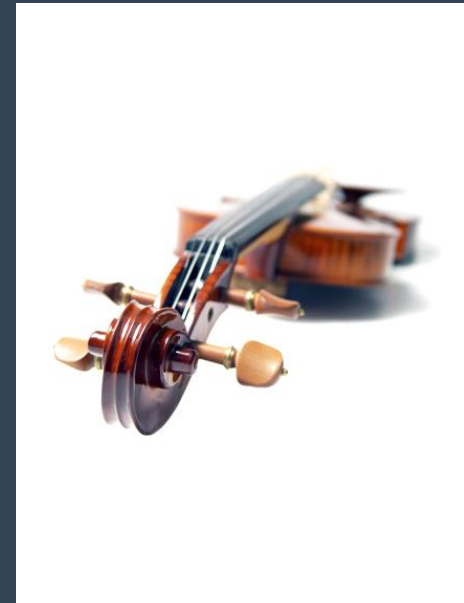
How did it start?

- The Medici family
 - Lorenzo de Medici in particular
- Essentially, a bunch of rich people spent a lot of money rediscovering ancient philosophy and commissioning artwork and architecture
- The invention of the Gutenberg printing press in the 15th century
 - Made the spread of philosophy and long-distance discussion much easier
 - Why do you think this is?



Important stuff that happened during this era

- The invention of the Gutenberg printing press- 1440
- William Shakespeare lived and died 1564-1616
- Columbus arrived in the New World- 1492
- Ferdinand Magellan became the first person to circle the world- early 1500s
- Nicholas Copernicus discovered that the solar system revolves around the Sun, rather than the Earth- 1530s
- The harpsichord, violin, cello, and viola were invented- sometime in the 1500s





How was art different from the Medieval Period?

- More focus on people in natural settings
- More fluidity and anatomical accuracy
- Adoption of oil paint
- Similarity to ancient Greek and Roman art
- Which painting do you think is from the Medieval Period and which do you think is from the Renaissance?

Architecture

- As with visual art, Renaissance Architecture was deeply influenced by ancient Greek architecture
- Emphasis on beauty and functionality



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- Much of the art of the Renaissance period was commissioned by members of the upper class such as Lorenzo de Medici
- People like the Medici favored the idea of making art into commercials, but rather than for burgers, they advertised ideals
- About 80% of people in Italy at the time were farmers and were illiterate
- What do you think the above painting is advertising?

activity

- Think of an important value or feeling
 - Ex. Honesty, happiness, bravery, loyalty, sadness, humor, anger, humbleness, etc.
- Draw a picture of something advertising your chosen word
- Don't write anything in the drawing or tell anyone what you word you chose
- If you want to, share your drawing with the class and see if anyone can guess what your word was

Resources

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vufba_ZcoR0
 - Crash Course History video overviewing the Renaissance
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tecocKScIwc>
 - Newer and arguably better Crash Course History video overviewing the Renaissance and Florence
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl1OeMmwYjU>
 - Super interesting video from the School of Life about the lessons the Renaissance can teach us today
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuzAbE-kPkM>
 - Crash Course History video overviewing the Northern Renaissance
- <https://www.britannica.com/art/Renaissance-art>
 - Encyclopedia Britannica article overviewing Renaissance art
- <https://www.livescience.com/55230-renaissance.html>
 - LiveScience article about some of the social and cultural developments that occurred during the Renaissance
- <https://www.britannica.com/art/Renaissance-architecture>
 - Brief Encyclopedia Britannica article overviewing Renaissance architecture