

# Renaissance Study Guide

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## Vocabulary

Classical Era  
Middle Ages  
Medieval  
Renaissance  
Ottoman Empire

Leonardo da Vinci  
Humanism  
Erasmus  
Sir Thomas More  
Machiavelli

Columbian exchange  
encomienda system  
mercantilism

## Questions

1. How did life in the Middle Ages compare with life in the Classical Era?
2. How was government structured in the Middle Ages?
3. Besides government forces, were there any other stabilizing influences in the Middle Ages? If so, what were they?
4. How did each of the following lead to an end of the Middle Ages?
  - a. Vikings
  - b. Crusades
  - c. Plague
5. Why is the Renaissance called the Renaissance?
6. How did war technology change from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance?
7. Why were Europeans afraid of the Ottoman Empire?
8. How did the invention of the printing press change Europe?

9. In what ways did people see themselves differently from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance?
10. How did Machiavelli change the way rulers viewed their subjects?
11. How did nations change the way they viewed diplomacy in the Renaissance?
12. What made Europeans want to explore/expand?
13. Why did Columbus believe he could sail around the world?
14. What problems did Europeans introduce into the New World?
15. What benefits did Europeans gain from the New World?
16. How did Europeans interact with the people of the Americas?
17. Why did the European nations believe they had to build more and more colonies?