Renaissance and Reformation

Pathfinder for Grades 6-8

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Investigate these online resources for general information, biographies, and primary sources.

* Renaissance Connection from the Allentown Art Museum

[www.renaissanceconnection.org/](http://www.renaissanceconnection.org/)

Innovations of the Renaissance still affect our lives in the modern world. Find out about Renaissance inventions, art, and culture with this interactive website.

* Virtual Renaissance: A Journey Through Time <http://library.thinkquest.org/C005356/index2.htm>

Learn about the Renaissance with activities, resources, etc.

* The Gutenberg Bible

[www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/permanent/](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/permanent/)

Information and primary sources about Johann Gutenberg and his printing press.

* Annenberg Media Interactives: Renaissance

[www.learner.org/interactives/renaissance/](http://www.learner.org/interactives/renaissance/)

A general overview of the Renaissance.

* The End of Europe’s Middle Ages

[www.ucalgary.ca/applied\_history/tutor/endmiddle/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/endmiddle/)

Tutorial on the Renaissance and Reformation from the Univesity of Calgary.

* Lectures on Early Modern European History

[www.historyguide.org/earlymod/earlymod.html](http://www.historyguide.org/earlymod/earlymod.html)

The History Guide’s lectures on the Renaissance and Reformation.

* European Art in the Renaissance

[www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te\_index.asp?i=16](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=16)

Painting, tapestry, sculpture, architecture, musical instruments, armor, and more.

* Leonardo Da Vinci at the Museum of Science

[www.mos.org/leonardo/](http://www.mos.org/leonardo/)

An interactive site with information about Leonardo Da Vinci and the Renaissance.

* Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance

[www.pbs.org/empires/medici/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/empires/medici/index.html)

Learn about the most powerful family during the Italian Renaissance through text, games, interactive timelines, and more. Biographical information about other important Renaissance figures such as Macchiavelli can also be found here.

* Martin Luther: The Reluctant Revolutionary

[www.pbs.org/empires/martinluther/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/empires/martinluther/index.html)

Information about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

* Michelangelo Buonarroti

[www.michelangelo.com/buonarroti.html](http://www.michelangelo.com/buonarroti.html)

Information about the famous Renaissance painter and sculptor.

* Raphael Research Resource

<http://cima.ng-london.org.uk/documentation/>

Paintings of the famous Renaissance artist.

* Ignatius Loyola

[www.faculty.fairfield.edu/jmac/Loyola/Loyola.htm](http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/jmac/Loyola/Loyola.htm)

A brief pictorial biography of this influential religious thinker.

* Biographies of the Renaissance

[www.42explore2.com/renaissance2.htm](http://www.42explore2.com/renaissance2.htm)

Links to biographical information about major Renaissance figures.

* Writers of the Renaissance

[www.luminarium.org/renlit/](http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/)

Links to important writers of the Renaissance.

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Investigate the following websites if you’re looking for more primary sources related to your topic.

* British Library: Treasures in Full

[www.bl.uk/treasures/treasuresinfull.html](http://www.bl.uk/treasures/treasuresinfull.html)

Primary source materials on Shakespeare, the Gutenberg Bible, Magna Carta, and other documents related to the Renaissance.

* Medieval Source Book

[www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html)

Use the links on the lower left side to access Renaissance and Reformation documents.

* The Labyrinth: Resources for Medieval Studies

<http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu/>

Search for resources by category.

* Index of Renaissance Maps

[www.henry-davis.com/MAPS/Ren/Ren1/Reno.html](http://www.henry-davis.com/MAPS/Ren/Ren1/Reno.html)

Look here for maps used by Renaissance explorers

* EuroDocs

<http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page>

EuroDocs is a wiki of links to different primary sources. Look under Medieval & Renaissance Europe, or use the Search function on the left.

* The Bubonic Plague in Europe

[www2.iath.virginia.edu/osheim/intro.html](http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/osheim/intro.html)

First person accounts of “The Black Death”

* Early Manuscripts at Oxford University

<http://image.ox.ac.uk/>

Manuscripts from Medieval and Renaissance times.

* Machiavelli’s Politics at Thomas Jefferson’s Library

[www.myloc.gov/Exhibitions/jeffersonslibrary/Reason/ExhibitObjects/INT\_Machiavelli.aspx](http://www.myloc.gov/Exhibitions/jeffersonslibrary/Reason/ExhibitObjects/INT_Machiavelli.aspx)

Virtual copy of Machiavelli’s book with translations.

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Look in the school library for print resources on the Renaissance by using the Dewey Decimal Call Number 940.2.

Cole, Alison. Eyewitness: Renaissance. DK Children, 2000.

Check out this book for a combination of facts, photos, art, and information on a wide range of Renaissance topics.

Day, Nancy. Passport to History:Your Travel Guide to Renaissance Europe. Runestone Press, 2001.

This book is entertaining and informative on a wide range of topics related to Renaissance culture, people, and geography.

Flatt, Lizann. Cities and Statecraft in the Renaissance. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2010.

Check out this book to help you understand how many of our modern political ideas have their roots in Renaissance thought.

Grant, Neil. History: Renaissance Europe. Zak Books, 2009.

An illustrated book with a glossary, maps and timelines that chronicle important dates in different European countries.

Grendler, Paul F. The Renaissance: An Encyclopedia for Students. Charles Scribners’ Sons, 2004.

Check this resource for multiple Renaissance topics.

Hinds, Kathryn. Life in the Renaissance Series. Benchmark Books/Marshal Cavendish, 2004.

The multiple titles in this series (The Church, The Court, The City, and The Countryside) give information about different societal roles during the Renaissance.

Mason, Antony. Everyday Life in the Renaissance. McRae Books, 2005.

This oversized, colorful book includes information about Renaissance culture, achievements, and societal roles.

Murphy, Lauren and Matthews, Rupert. Art and Culture of the Renaissance World. Rosen Central, 2010.

Use this book to learn about famous artists and cultural movements during the Renaissance.

Netzley, Patricia. The Way People Live: Life During the Renaissance. Greenhaven Press, 1998.

This book has more in depth information about Renaissance life.

Prum, Deborah Mazzotta. Rats, Bulls, and Flying Machines: A History of the Renaissance and Reformation. Core Chronicles, 2006.

Use the index and resources in this book to help you find useful information in this informative and entertaining overview of the Renaissance and Reformation.

Wood, Tim. See Through History: The Renaissance. Viking,1993.

This illustrated informative book features summaries on everything from exploration to alchemy during the Renaissance.

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Here are some additional titles of interest on the Renaissance and Reformation in the public library.

Langley, Andrew. Da Vinci and His Times. DK Publishing, 2006.

Maier, Paul. Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World. Concordia Publishing House, 2004.

Plumb, J.H. The Italian Renaissance. Mariner Books, 2001.

Shearer, Robert. Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation. Greenleaf Press, 1996.

Withrow, Brandon, and Withrow, Mindy. Courage and Conviction: Chronicles of the Reformation Church (History Lives Series). CF4K, 2007.

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