

Renaissance Assignment

William Shakespeare lived at the tail end of one of the most important periods in the history of mankind: The Renaissance. The Renaissance followed the Medieval Period and was a great time of growth in culture. The Renaissance was a cultural movement that profoundly affected European intellectual life in the early modern period. Beginning in Italy, and spreading to the rest of Europe by the 16th century, its influence was felt in art, architecture, philosophy, literature, music, science and technology, politics, religion, and other aspects of intellectual inquiry. Renaissance scholars employed the humanist method in study, and searched for realism and human emotion in art (Perry).

Project

You will be working in groups of 5 or 6 for this project. Each group will be assigned an area of research. This research will be presented as a group Power Point /Google Slides presentation in class.

You must also come up with some sort of an activity for us to do on the day that you present.

Research Areas

Science: Share the scientific advances of this time period. Perhaps share important inventions or theories that were introduced during this time period. The Scientific Method was created during the Renaissance. Perhaps you can come up with a simple experiment for us to do as a class.

Music: Share different songs and music types with the class. Share the music via the Internet, or have people in your group learn songs to share with the class. On your presentation day, students might write verses for songs, learn songs to perform, or play a musical instrument. You might also demonstrate popular dances from the time period.

Entertainment: Present other types of entertainment. Music is covered by another group, so what else did people do for fun during this time period. Perhaps you will share dramatic scenes, or have a court jester telling jokes. Maybe you will have a tarot card reader, or a fortune teller. Perhaps you will share popular games from the time period.

Food: Give us a background on the popular food of the Renaissance. Bring in some food for us to sample. On your presentation day, perhaps demonstrate how to make something that was popular during the Renaissance.

Fashion: Please present the popular fashions during your in-class presentation. The classes will use this research to help them to pick out what to wear for our Renaissance Day.

Arts and Crafts: Present a background of popular artistic advances during the time period and share art that illustrates this change. Perhaps have an activity with playdoh and have people sculpt. Or you could have a students paint or draw.

Due Dates

Research _____

Power Point _____

Presentation _____

Project Point Breakdown

Research 50

Power Point 100

Presentation 50

Total 200