

UNIT 1: The Renaissance

- Literally means *rebirth*- coined by French historian Jules Michelet although it began in Italy
- Does not refer to a specific time period, but took place at the same time as the Middle Ages
- Renaissance has a high regard for ancient Greek and Roman culture (art and architecture) and portrays a shift toward belief in the positive potential of the individual

CHAPTER 1: TIMES OF CHANGE

Worldview Inquiry: In what ways can changing social structures affect a society's worldview?

A Changing Society:

- During the Middle Ages European society was organized in a system called _____. It was based on _____, _____, and _____.
- Bishops had as much power as Barons, receiving land from the Crown. *The Church* became a very large _____. *The Church* was important to medieval people in their practical lives as well as their _____ lives.
- Most people were _____ who lived in rural villages on a manor. They were assigned strips of land to _____ and _____. In exchange for the use of land they had to turn over a portion of what they _____.
- Peasants were _____ and _____. Some peasants were _____ who rented land from the lord or worked for pay. Most peasants, however, were _____, who were not allowed to leave the manor without the lord's permission.

Who are the Limbourg Brothers (pg. 21)?

Town Life:

- Most medieval towns were centers for _____. They grew up next to one of 3 places: _____, _____, or _____.
- Towns were **good** because:

- Towns were **bad** because:

The Role of Women in Medieval Society:

Rural women:

Urban women:

Changes to the feudal System:

Two things that caused feudalism to break down were:

1. *The Peasant's Revolt*- Began in _____ when war broke out between _____ and _____. Why were the peasants angry?

2. *The Black Death*- Because of this there were severe _____ causing manors and feudal estate to go _____. This was good for the serfs because:
 - a.

 - b.

With the rise of towns urban people had some opportunity to move _____ from one social level to another. A new social structure emerged as the *middle class*. The power and position of wealthy merchants and middle class was based on _____ rather than on ownership of land. People showed off their economic status by _____.

- People's desire for luxury goods like exotic fabrics was one of the factors that led to _____ outside Europe as well as *sumptuary laws*.
- Sumptuary laws were put in place to control consumption or _____. These laws also restricted what people of different _____ could wear.

A Religious Society:

In Medieval times, religion was a central part of people's daily lives. People believed that the plague had been sent by _____ as _____. The worldview of people in Western Europe was shaped by _____. Life in medieval times was hard. Give **three** reasons why it was hard.

As a result the hope of a better life _____ death was very important.
Draw the **Church Hierarchy** below:

What is a **tithe**?

The *Middle Ages* was a great time of _____ building. Historians estimate that _____ churches were built. Explain **three** good things that happened because of building of these cathedrals:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Monastic Life:

Men became _____ and entered _____.

Women became _____ and entered _____.

What 7 things did these people do in the community?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Monks and nuns were well _____. Religious scholars copied _____
_____ as well as _____ written in Greek or Latin.
Because of the high level of literacy, universities grew up around _____
_____.

Women were/were not (choose one) allowed to attend universities.

Medieval Muslims and Jews:

The main center of Muslims and Jews was in the country of _____. Neither Muslims nor
Jews were allowed to _____.

The *Black Death* made some people change their views on religion. What are **three** reasons people became
more critical about *The Church*?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

THE RENAISSANCE WAS A PERIOD CHARACTERIZED BY GREAT CREATIVITY IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES. It was
also called a _____.

List the **SIX** Renaissance personalities on page 36 and explain **WHY** they are famous.