

The Renaissance Period

Introduction

The Renaissance was an exciting time of change in Europe between the 14th and 17th centuries. It was very different from the Middle Ages, a time that came before it. During the Renaissance, people became more interested in art, science, and learning new things.

The Middle Ages: Before the Renaissance

The Middle Ages lasted from the 5th to the 15th century. Life was organized around farming, and there was a strong social order. The Catholic Church was very important and had a lot of control over people's lives. Art and buildings mostly had religious themes, and not many people had access to education or learned new things.

The Renaissance: A Time of New Ideas

The Renaissance was a time when people started to think more about human achievements and what people could do. Rich people and groups, like the Medici family in Italy, supported artists and people who studied. People became more interested in ideas and art from ancient Greece and Rome. New ways of making art were invented, and there were important discoveries in science. The printing press was invented, which made it easier for people to learn and share ideas.

What Made the Renaissance Different from the Middle Ages?

Changes in Society and Politics

During the Renaissance, the way people lived and worked changed. There were more cities and countries, and trade became more important. Rich merchants became powerful, and the Catholic Church wasn't as controlling as before.

Changes in Learning and Ideas

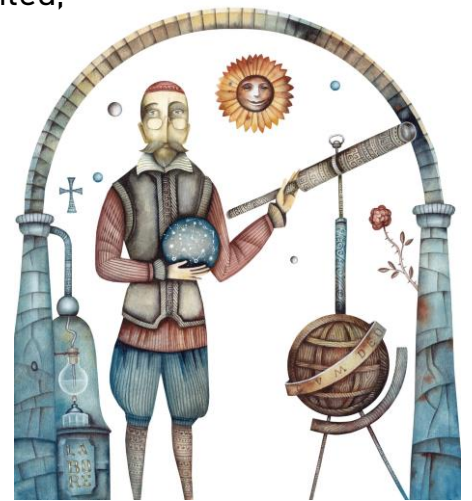
In the Renaissance, people started to think more about what humans could achieve and learn. They studied old books from Greece and Rome and started to learn more about the world around them. Education became more available, and people were encouraged to be curious.

Changes in Art and Buildings

The art and buildings in the Renaissance were different from those in the Middle Ages. Instead of focusing only on religion, artists started to paint and sculpt people and nature. They used new techniques to make their art look more real and alive.

Conclusion

The Renaissance was an exciting time of change that was very different from the Middle Ages. It changed how people thought about art, learning, and society.



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Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) What was the Renaissance Period? How was it different than the Middle Ages?

2) How did the church's power over people change in the Renaissance Period?

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The Renaissance happened before the Middle Ages.	True	False
2) The Catholic Church had little influence during the Middle Ages.	True	False
3) The printing press was invented during the Middle Ages.	True	False
4) Education was less available during the Renaissance.	True	False
5) Renaissance art focused only on religious themes.	True	False

Quotes

Explain how the quotes below reflect the Renaissance Period

"Learning is fun and never tires your mind." – Leonardo da Vinci

"Sometimes, people are born with amazing talents that can create beautiful things." – Vasari
