

# RENAISSANCE PERIOD: EUROPEAN HISTORY

*A Chronological Overview of Rebirth and Innovation (c. 1300 - 1600)*

PHASE	KEY FIGURES	SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES
<b>Early Renaissance (14th Century)</b>	Petrarch, Giotto, Dante Alighieri	Rise of Humanism; Petrarch's rediscovery of Cicero's letters; Giotto's naturalism in fresco painting.
<b>Florentine Zenith (15th Century)</b>	Cosimo de' Medici, Brunelleschi, Donatello	Invention of linear perspective; Completion of the Florence Cathedral Dome; Gutenberg's Printing Press (1440).
<b>High Renaissance (1490 - 1527)</b>	Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael	The Last Supper; Sistine Chapel Ceiling; The School of Athens; Peak of technical mastery and harmonious design.
<b>Northern Renaissance (15th - 16th Century)</b>	Albrecht Dürer, Jan van Eyck, Erasmus	Detail-oriented oil painting in Flanders; Christian Humanism; Spread of ideas to Germany, France, and England.
<b>Late Renaissance (Late 16th Century)</b>	Titan, Palladio, Shakespeare	Mannerism style; Elizabethan Literature; Scientific inquiries beginning to challenge classical dogma.