

RENAISSANCE PERIOD

14th Century - 17th Century Historical Overview

Origin: Florence, Italy
Focus: Humanism & Classical Antiquity

CATEGORY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS & FIGURES
Major Phases	• Early Renaissance (1400-1490) • High Renaissance (1490-1527) • Mannerism / Late Renaissance (1520-1600)
Core Ideologies	Humanism Individualism Secularism Rationalism
Artistic Masters	Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Donatello, Sandro Botticelli, Jan van Eyck
Scientific Milestones	Gutenberg's Printing Press (1440), Copernican Heliocentrism, Anatomical studies, Linear Perspective
Key Literary Figures	Petrarch, Dante Alighieri, Niccolò Machiavelli, William Shakespeare, Erasmus
Influence & Legacy	Transition from the Middle Ages to Modernity; Rise of the Scientific Revolution; Global exploration expansion.