

Unit EQ: How did the ~~Middle Ages~~, Renaissance and Reformation transform Europe economically, politically, and socially?

EQ #1: What was Feudalism?

- Explain the manorial system and feudalism; include the status of peasants and feudal monarchies and the importance of Charlemagne.

Feudalism was the social and political system that organized Europe so that the people were safe from the main dangers of the Middle Ages (invasion and starvation). Peasants were often tied to the land with no freedom. Charlemagne was the only king to build a large empire during the Middle Ages.

EQ #2: What was the role of the church in Medieval (Middle Ages) society?

- Describe the political impact of Christianity; include Pope Gregory VII and King Henry IV of Germany (Holy Roman Emperor).
- Explain the role of the church in medieval society.

The Catholic Church was the most powerful and the richest entity in Europe during the Middle Ages. People looked to the next life as an escape from the misery of life during the Middle Ages. This gave the Church lots of influence.

EQ #3: What social, economic, and political changes contributed to the rise of Florence?

- Explain the social, economic, and political changes that contributed to the rise of Florence and the ideas of Machiavelli.

EQ #4: How did ~~Michelangelo~~ and Leonardo di Vinci represent the Ideal Renaissance Man?

- Identify the artistic and scientific achievements of Leonardo di Vinci, the "Renaissance Man," and ~~Michelangelo~~.

EQ#5: How did Humanism begin, what are its characteristics, and how did it spread?

- Explain the main characteristics of humanism; include the ideas of Petrarch, Dante, and Erasmus.
- Explain the importance of Gutenberg and the invention of the printing press.

EQ#6: Why did the ideas of Martin Luther and John Calvin ^{→ "start"} initiate the Protestant Reformation, and what was the impact of the Reformation?

- Analyze the impact of the Protestant Reformation; include the ideas of Martin Luther and John Calvin.

EQ#7: How did the Catholic Church respond to the Protestant Reformation?

- Describe the Counter Reformation at the Council of Trent and the role of the Jesuits.

EQ#8: Why did Henry VIII of England break away from the Catholic Church, and how did this result in a connection between the church and the government of England?

- Describe the English Reformation; include the role of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.