

THE RENAISSANCE – MAIN FACTS

Exploration and trade

better maps and better ships
explorers and navigators sailed to India and the New World
Spain conquered Central and South America

The Middle Class

people became wealthier
bought larger houses, expensive clothes
learnt foreign languages, played instruments
interest in art, literature

Humanism

scholars read Greek and Roman writings
wealth and money was more important than religion
new religions were founded

Art

mathematics in works of art
experiments with perspective
more realism in paintings
Florence was a center of art

Religion

not much belief in religion
mistrust and protest against Roman Catholic church
money and trade more important

