

THE RENAISSANCE - KEY

1. When and where did the Renaissance take place? **in Europe between the 14th and 16th centuries**
2. What happened when the plague spread across Europe? **it led to economic depression, millions of people were killed**
3. Who profited from the new middle class? **bankers, merchants and tradesmen had a new market**
4. Which city became the centre of the Renaissance in Italy? **Florence**
5. Why could explorers travel longer distances? **better instruments and maps**
6. Why were India and Asia so important to Europeans? **spices, valuable cloth and silk that could not be bought in Europe**
7. Which places did the Spanish explore and conquer? **Central and South America**
8. How did Johannes Gutenberg change the lives of many Europeans? **books became affordable because of the printing press ; people started reading in their own language**
9. What kind of books did people in Europe want to read? **travel books, romance, poetry**
10. How did Martin Luther protest against the Roman Catholic church? **he posted a list of things he didn't like on the door of his church**
11. What does the word humanism mean and how did it change the lives of people? **new way of thinking, Greek and Roman writings became interesting, money and trade were more important than religion**
12. What did Renaissance artists experiment with? **perspective**
13. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome? **Michelangelo**
14. Which guilds were very important in Florence? **textile workers**
15. What was the name of the most important family in Florence? **Medici**
16. Name three famous paintings of Leonardo da Vinci. **Adoration of the Kings, The Last Supper. Mona Lisa**
17. What else was he interested in? **mechanics, engineering, the human body, nature**
18. Why did people, many centuries later, think he was ahead of his time? **topics were forgotten for many centuries, then came up again**