

European Society in the Age of the Renaissance, 1350–1550



“The
School of
Athens”
By
Raphael

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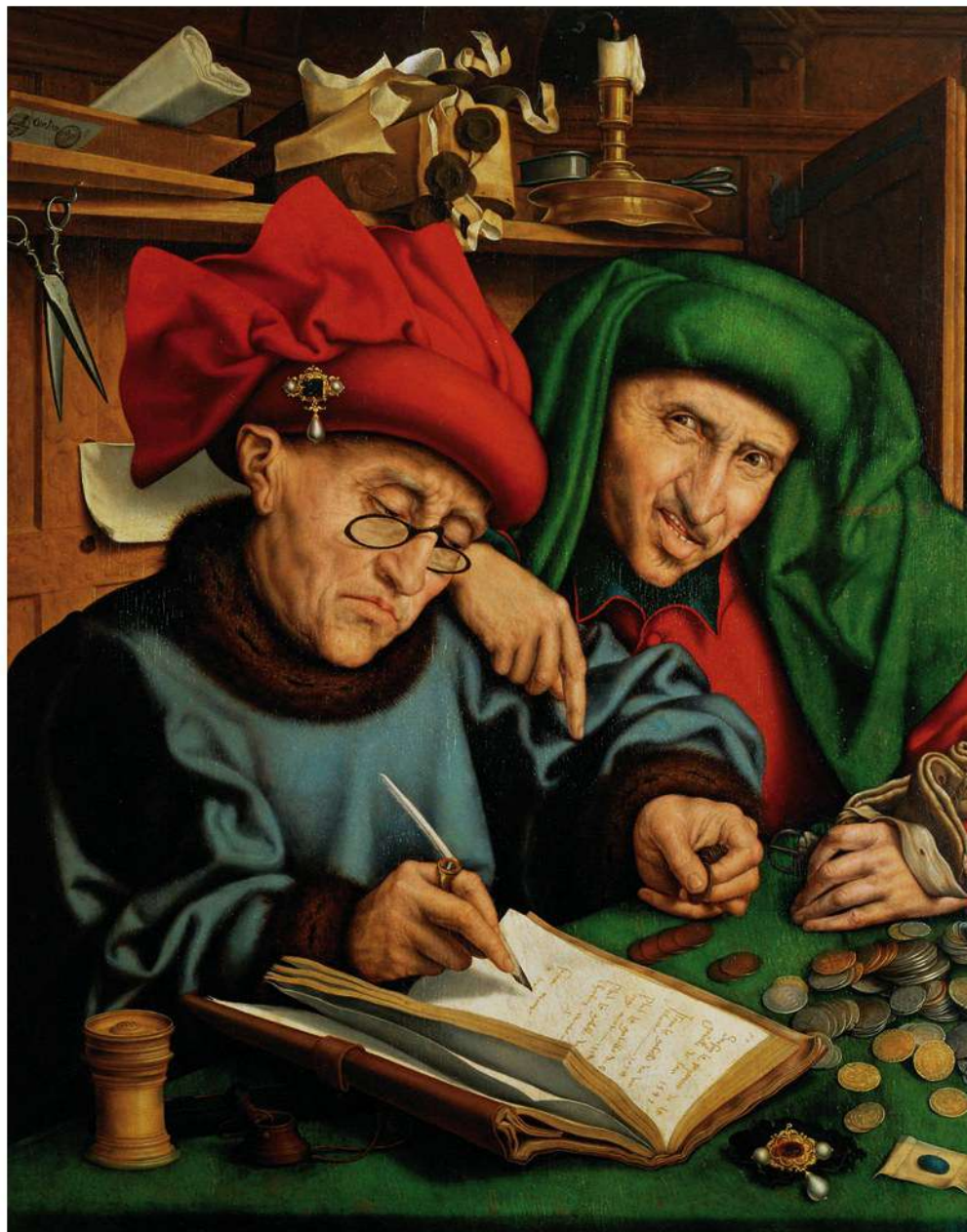
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