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Renaissance Fair Assignment

Poster Portion: This poster must include a list of Works Consulted with at least three sources; none can be an encyclopedia or an encyclopedia type computer program or website. You cannot use Google, or Wikipedia. ONLY ONE source can be from the online databases. **You may not use your textbook.**

- A) Background - this should include family history, social class, education, place and time of birth and death
- B) Activities as a public figure - this includes both positive and negative achievements, awards, viewpoints on major issues occurring at the time the person lived
- C) Discuss how this individual's thoughts, deeds or writings reflect the new spirit of the Renaissance.
- D) Evaluate the individual you have researched. How did his or her contemporaries view this person in their lifetime? Do you consider the part this person played in history as positive or negative; a hero or a villain? Support your conclusions with actions taken by the person in his/her lifetime.
- E) You must use a three-sided poster board to summarize your accomplishments and impact. You may bring in any props you like.

For the Fair: You will participate in a Renaissance fair as the person you have researched. At the fair:

- A) You will give a 1 -2 minute summary of yourself and describe your accomplishments and impact.
- B) Then you will discuss the focus questions (see below) with the visitors and your teacher. YOU MUST speak, dress and act like the person.
 - a. Patron:
 - i. What is your advice for philanthropists?
 - ii. What role did you play in the Renaissance?
 - iii. Be sure to include a definition of patron and philanthropist in your explanation.
 - b. Artist:
 - i. What are the characteristics of your work?
 - ii. How does your work (painting, sculpture, architecture, etc.) differ from Medieval art?
 - iii. Does your work shape or reflect society? Explain.
 - c. Writers and scholars:
 - i. What did you write about and why?

- ii. What famous books did you write?
- iii. How does your writing differ from Medieval literature?

d. Scientist/Inventor:

- i. What was your discovery/invention?
- ii. How original is your work?
- iii. Did a previous discovery contribute to yours?
- iv. What personal sacrifice (if any) did you make to achieve your goals?
- v. How has your scientific discovery changed man's view of the world?

e. Political scientist:

- i. How should governments govern?
- ii. How should rulers deal with religious diversity?
- iii. How should the ruling class treat the poor?

f. Religion:

- i. What is wrong with the Catholic Church?
- ii. What did you do to change it?
- iii. What impact did your ideas and actions have on history?

g. Explorers

- i. What was your role in the Age of Exploration?
- ii. What areas of the world did you explore?
- iii. What impact did your ideas and action have on history?

C) You will get a chance to meet with and talk to your other Renaissance notables.