Humanist aqueducts philosophers democracy

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Chapter 3 Student Note Package – The Humanist Approach

BIG IDEA: In what ways can shifts in ideas affect a society’s worldview?

Read the opening story on pg. 59. Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Michelangelo choose David to symbolize the city of Florence?
2. What does his choice suggest about how he viewed Florence and its future?

Define “humanists” below:

Classical Writings

The Greek and Roman civilizations had not been forgotten during the middle Ages. Latin, the language of Romans, remained the language of scholars and the Church.

Do we still use Latin today? Provide and example of where in our world Latin is still used.

Ancient writers like and Plato were studied originally from a Christian perspective. But during the Renaissance, their writings took on new meaning to those who studied them.

The Renaissance worldview was a result of contact with earlier civilizations: LIST THEM BELOW

* and civilizations that form what we call “classical civilizations”
* civilization that preserved the knowledge of Classical civilization and further developed it (math, sciences and medicine)

Humanist ideas spread mainly among people in society. Reading and discussing ancient writers became a kind of fad among the new merchant and business class.

Most cultures have a set of rules or commandments that guides people’s behaviors.

* Does Canada have a set of rules that guides people’s behaviors? What is it called?

*ZOOM IN: The Achievements of the Greeks and Romans pg. 62*

* What are aqueducts?

- What aspects of Roman and Greek civilization still influence our society today? (philosophers, democracy, etc.)

Humanism and the Individual

The classical concept that was most important to Renaissance thinkers and artists was the belief in the and of the individual. They believed that people could shape their lives through their own and talents. These new ideas were easily integrated into the worldview: To develop one’s talents was to serve God, because God had provided you with those talents. The humanists believed that….

* Human beings can use the power of , that is, thinking to find truth for themselves
* It is important for a person to have an open, and mind.
* People can achieve great things through .
* Individuals should be skilled in many different . They should develop not just their minds but also their bodies and spirits.

Humanist Scholars

Many scholars (such as Francesco Petrarch) wanted to make the classical writings available to the widest possible readership. Why would they want to do this? (Hint: find the answer on pg. 63)

Thinkers and Society

Renaissance humanists were often the intellectual leaders of their communities. There were humanist scholars, philosophers, teachers, public officials, writers, scientists, architects, artists and . Some of them had important government positions, involvement in the Church and at royal courts. As a result, they were able to affect many aspects of Renaissance society.

Civic Humanism

Topic: Good Government

Ideas:

* Cicero’s idea that public service was the of everyone in society
* humanists believed that being a responsible citizen meant educating yourself about history and issues and working to improve society

*Why is being an informed citizen valued today?*

**WRITTEN RESPONSE:**

Do you feel responsible citizenship is a goal in our society today? Discuss how this goal is reflected in the school curriculum and whether they feel there is enough emphasis places on it in their schools. Write a statement that expresses a way that citizens can be responsible in our society.

Humanist Education

Topic: Studying in school

Ideas:

* One of the most important influences of Humanist during the Renaissance was the importance they placed on education.
* The approach of humanists to education was “educating the child”

*What programs exist in your school that reflects the whole-child approach? What additional programs would you suggest?*

**ESSAY TOPIC: OPINION ESSAY**

Your Opinion of Education – **express** your views on how the modern school system should be organized and what principles of learning should be emphasized.

OR do a spoken word essay (audioboo)

* Use and essay outline (must be completed in order to have essay marked)
* Essay Rubric /12
* 2 blocks to work on
* THINK POWERFUL IDEAS AND BIG PICTURE ☺

Humanism and Religion

Topic: Religion and new thinking

Ideas:

* Religion continued to play an important part in Renaissance peoples’ lives.
* Erasmus – buy books, then food and clothes. Edited Greek version of New Testament.

**WRITTEN RESPONSE: What do you think about the follow idea?**

IDEA 🡪 The world has become too secular and too focused on material goods. Many religious leaders, like Pope Benedict XIV feel that there is too much emphasis on worldy interests and material goods. What do you think?

Society and the Arts

What role do artists play in society?

Define “patrons” below:

Summarize the following sections below in the chart:

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Important terms/ideas | Important people/works/dates |
| Paintings |  |  |
| Sculpture |  |  |
| Literature |  |  |

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*IF TIME: Art Project and Gallery Walk – Paint/sculpt/write something that reflects how you view our world.*

*- Paragraph explaining WHY you chose your medium and how the elements of your work reflect your personal view/take on the world in which you live.*