**Renaissance WebQuest**

*Essential Question*

*What are the three greatest influences from the Renaissance on modern American society? Make sure you support your thesis (claim) with evidence.*

**Part 1: In the Beginning**

[http://www.hudson.k12.mi.us/~dgambill/notes/Renaissancenotes.pdf](http://www.hudson.k12.mi.us/%7Edgambill/notes/Renaissancenotes.pdf)

1. What does the term "Renaissance" mean? Why would it be known as this?

2. Explain the origins (beginning) of the Renaissance.

3 Who are the Medici and why are they important to the Renaissance?

<http://www.skwirk.com/p-c_s-56_u-422_t-1105_c-4274/wa/sose-history/renaissance-and-reformation/renaissance-in-europe/great-cities-venice-genoa-and-florence>

4. Name three major cities that were centers of trade during the Renaissance. What country were these 3 cities located in? Why do you think they all come from this same area?

**Part 2: Machiavelli...no not Tupac**

<http://www.biography.com/people/niccol%C3%B2-machiavelli-9392446>

1.  Who was Niccolo Machiavelli? What was his profession?

2. What was his most famous work?

**Part 3: Major Figures of the Renaissance**

*For each figure below, answer:*

1. *When were they born and when did they die?*
2. *What were their accomplishments?*
3. *Where are they from?*
4. *What are two major works they created?*

<http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/dona/hd_dona.htm>

<http://www.artble.com/artists/donatello>

**1) Donatello**



<http://www.biography.com/people/raphael-41051>

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/artists/raphael>

**2) Raphael**



<http://www.biography.com/people/michelangelo-9407628>

<http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/michelangelo/>

**3) Michelangelo**



<http://www.biography.com/people/leonardo-da-vinci-40396>

<http://www.leonardoda-vinci.org/>

<http://legacy.mos.org/leonardo/>

**4) Leonardo Da Vinci**

5. Why was he considered a “Renaissance Man”?

<http://www.biography.com/people/william-shakespeare-9480323>

<http://shakespeare.mit.edu/>

**5) William Shakespeare**



<http://web.mit.edu/invent/iow/gutenberg.html>

<http://www.biography.com/people/johannes-gutenberg-9323828>

**6) Gutenberg**

5. Why is his contribution so important?

**Part 4: Medieval Art vs. Renaissance Art**

<http://mrlstewart.weebly.com/unit-3.html>

*Click on the presentation “Medieval vs. Renaissance Art”*

1) What are three differences between medieval art and Renaissance art?



2) Why do you think these differences exist between medieval art and Renaissance art? In other words, what would cause the art from these time periods to look so different?