

# RENAISSANCE



Fill in the gaps with the words from the WORD LIST below:

painter ideas art influential

cultural deserved religion

humanism "rebirth" contrast rediscover

The Renaissance was a period of \_\_\_\_\_ change in Europe. The term 'renaissance' is a French word, meaning \_\_\_\_\_. The Renaissance began in Italy in the 14th century, when a movement called \_\_\_\_\_ became very popular. Humanism emerged after 14th-century Europeans began to \_\_\_\_\_ ancient Greek philosophy. The main ideas of humanism were that humans \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue wealth and happiness, and that science, literature, and the arts were essential to human life. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Middle Ages, when \_\_\_\_\_ was often considered the most important part of life. Humanism encouraged many people to study and create \_\_\_\_\_. One of the most well-known artists of this period was Italian \_\_\_\_\_ Leonardo Da Vinci, the creator of the Mona Lisa. Although the Renaissance ended around the 17th century, the \_\_\_\_\_ and discoveries from back then are still \_\_\_\_\_ in many cultures today.