

# The Renaissance

**Renaissance** is a French word that means "rebirth". The renaissance was a cultural movement that influenced politics, religion, and especially arts: painting, architecture, sculpture, literature, and music. It began in Italy in the late Middle Ages and then it spread through Europe.

I. Complete the sentences below correctly. Use the verbs from the box.

discover    invent    go    become  
finish    paint    begin    write



Columbus and his men \_\_\_\_\_ America in 1492.



Luther \_\_\_\_\_ the Reformation in 1517.



In 1509, Henry VIII \_\_\_\_\_ King of England.



Vasco da Gama and his men \_\_\_\_\_ to India in 1498.



Michelangelo \_\_\_\_\_ the painting in the Sistine Chapel in 1512.



Gutenberg \_\_\_\_\_ the printing press in 1450.



Macchiavelli \_\_\_\_\_ *The Prince* in 1513.



Leonardo da Vinci \_\_\_\_\_ "The Mona Lisa" in 1503.