



# Humanism & the Renaissance

# What is Humanism?



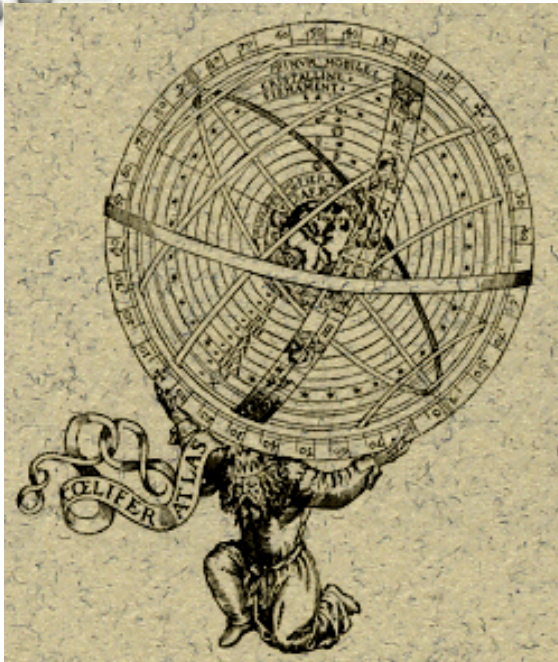
- Way of thinking that focused on humans & their potential
- “Man is the measure of all things”

# Origins of Humanism

- Greek & Roman learning
- Trade with Asia after Crusades
- Black Death
  - Increased appreciation for life
  - Weakened Catholic Church



# Humanism emphasized...



- Individual worth
- Development of personal skills & talent
- Public service
- Goal was to gain better understanding of life & the world



# The Renaissance

- “Rebirth” in French
- Emphasis on:
  - Wealth
  - Beauty
  - Personal achievement
- Began in Italy
  - Specifically city-state of Florence



# “The Renaissance Man”



HOMER · HOMO · YEANDER · HALLS  
Mmm... Business Deal · Mmm... Crumbled-up Cookie Things  
Fresh Mmm... Jifal Fresh · Mmm... Purple  
Mmm... Unprocessed fish Sticks · Mmm... Hot Doctors

- Strong desire to learn & improve oneself
- Well-rounded (good at many different things)
  - Ex.: someone who was skilled in art, poetry, literature, warfare, government, languages, etc.



## **Think-Pair-Share**

Can you think of any examples  
of a “Renaissance man”  
(or woman) today?