

## **WORLD 4-2**

# **RENAISSANCE: PEOPLE OF THE RENAISSANCE**

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>Marco Polo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Italian who traveled to China (?) in the 1200s.</li><li>• He wrote a book about what he saw.</li><li>• Europeans realized their technology was inferior to China's. (gun powder)</li><li>• They were inspired to invent and create.</li></ul> <p><b>Machiavelli</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrote <i>The Prince</i> about how to rule the government effectively.</li><li>• He wrote that rulers should do whatever worked, even if it was immoral.</li></ul> <p><b>The Medici</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A family of bankers who ruled Florence.</li><li>• They supported arts and learning by paying many Renaissance artists.</li><li>• Without them, the Renaissance may not have happened.</li></ul> <p><b>Michelangelo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He was an excellent painter, but only wanted to sculpt.</li><li>• He completed his first sculpture at age 15.</li><li>• His most famous works include David and the Sistine Chapel.</li></ul> <p><b>The Sistine Chapel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is a painting on the ceiling of a church.</li><li>• It took over 4 years to finish.</li><li>• Michelangelo didn't want to do it but was forced by pope Julius.</li></ul> <p><b>William Shakespeare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguably the greatest playwright in history.</li><li>• He wrote dozens of plays, poems and sonnets.</li><li>• Many are still performed around the world.</li><li>• Famous works include <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> and <i>Hamlet</i> (considered by many to be the best play ever written).</li></ul>