

The Renaissance

Europe 1300-1500



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tout maintenant les



Background

- A new thirst for learning
 - Crusaders encountered more advanced Muslim societies
 - Better technology
 - More advanced science, philosophy, etc.
 - Had preserved ancient Greek learning
- Black Death of 1348
 - 25-50% of population dies
 - Lower population
 - End of manorial system
 - Less demand for food
 - Demand for luxury items increases

Rise of Italian City-States



Crusades

Black Death of
1348

Introduction
to new goods
(silk, spices,
sugar, etc.)

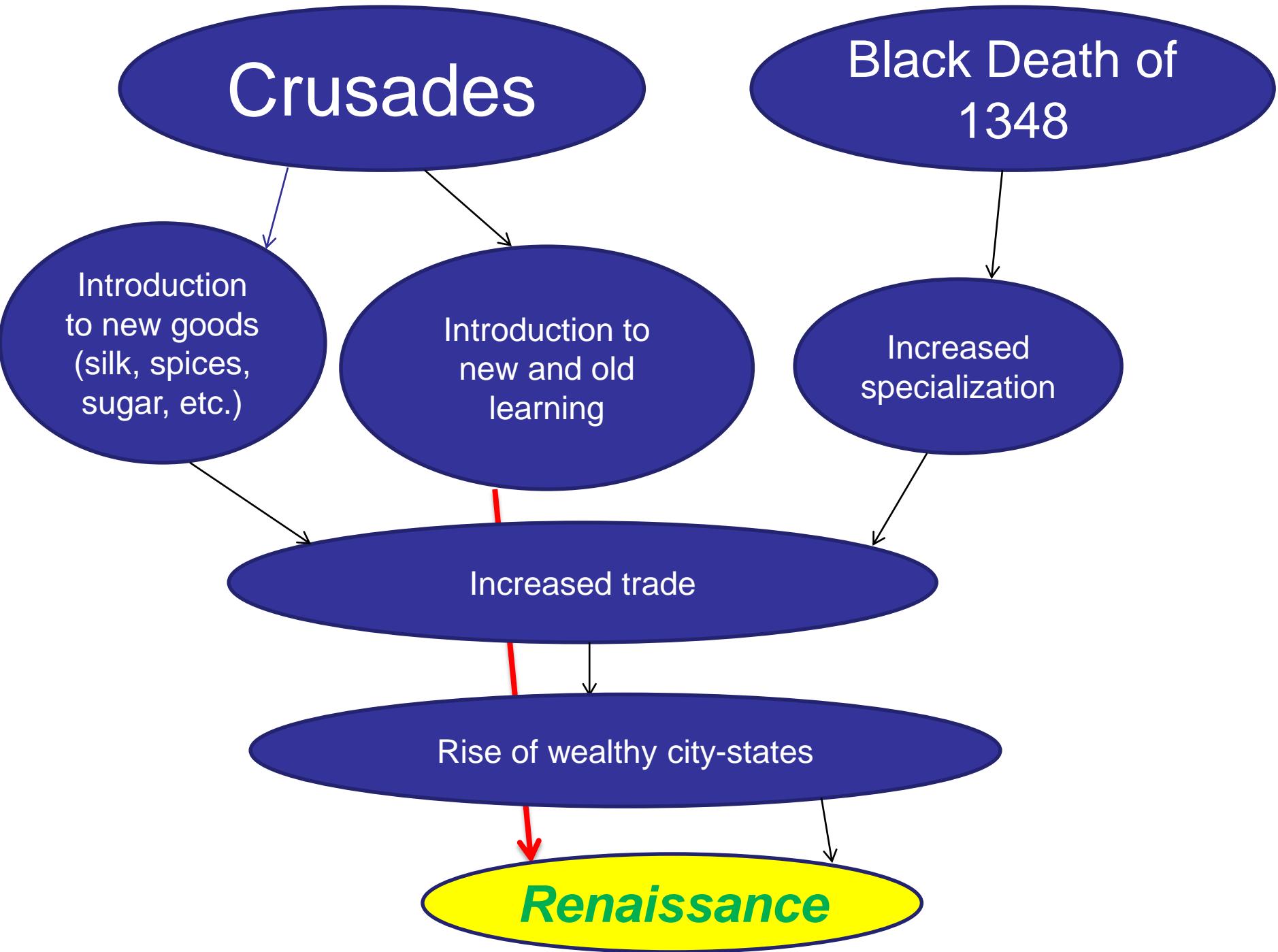
Introduction to
new and old
learning

Increased
specialization

Increased trade

Rise of wealthy city-states

Renaissance



Major Developments of the Renaissance

- Humanism
 - Believed in the potential of individuals
- Science
 - New ideas about the nature of the world and universe that conflicted with Church's teachings
- Art
 - Reflected humanist philosophy
 - Became more realistic

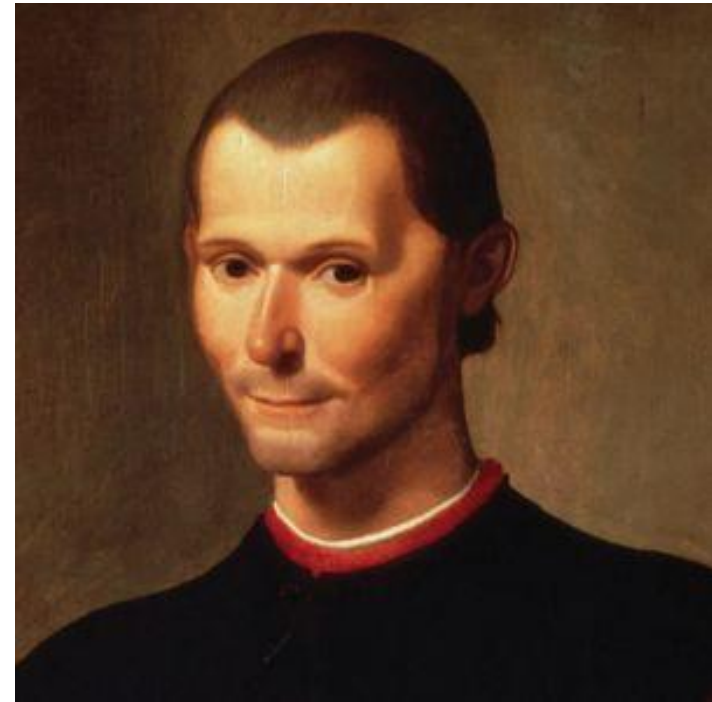
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Humanists rediscovered ancient texts on anatomy, geography, and astronomy. Advances were made in medicine-notably among them were Leonardo da Vinci's studies of human anatomy. Progress was also made in astronomy. Philosophers and writers produced works that would influence Europeans for centuries.

Important Renaissance People

- Medici family
 - Rulers of Florence who funded the arts
- Dante Alighieri (1265-1321)
 - “Father” of humanism
 - Most famous for *Divine Comedy*
- Dante Quotes:
 - *Beauty awakens the soul to act.*
 - *In the middle of the journey of our life I came to myself within a dark wood where the straight way was lost.*

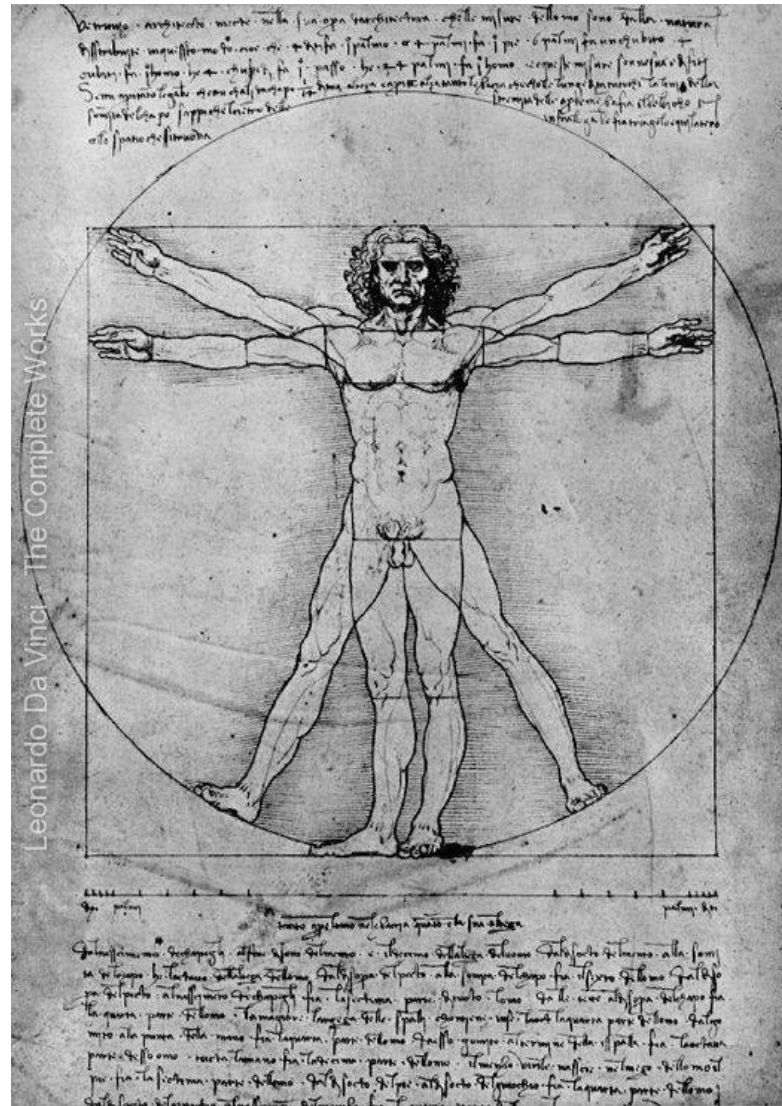
- Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527)
 - Wrote about government in *The Prince*
 - Encouraged harsh treatment to maintain power
 - The end justifies the means



Machiavelli Quotes

- *It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both.*
- *If an injury has to be done to a man it should be so severe that his vengeance need not be feared.*
- *Men judge generally more by the eye than by the hand, for everyone can see and few can feel. Every one sees what you appear to be, few really know what you are.*
- *There is no avoiding war; it can only be postponed to the advantage of others.*
- *The promise given was a necessity of the past: the word broken is a necessity of the present.*

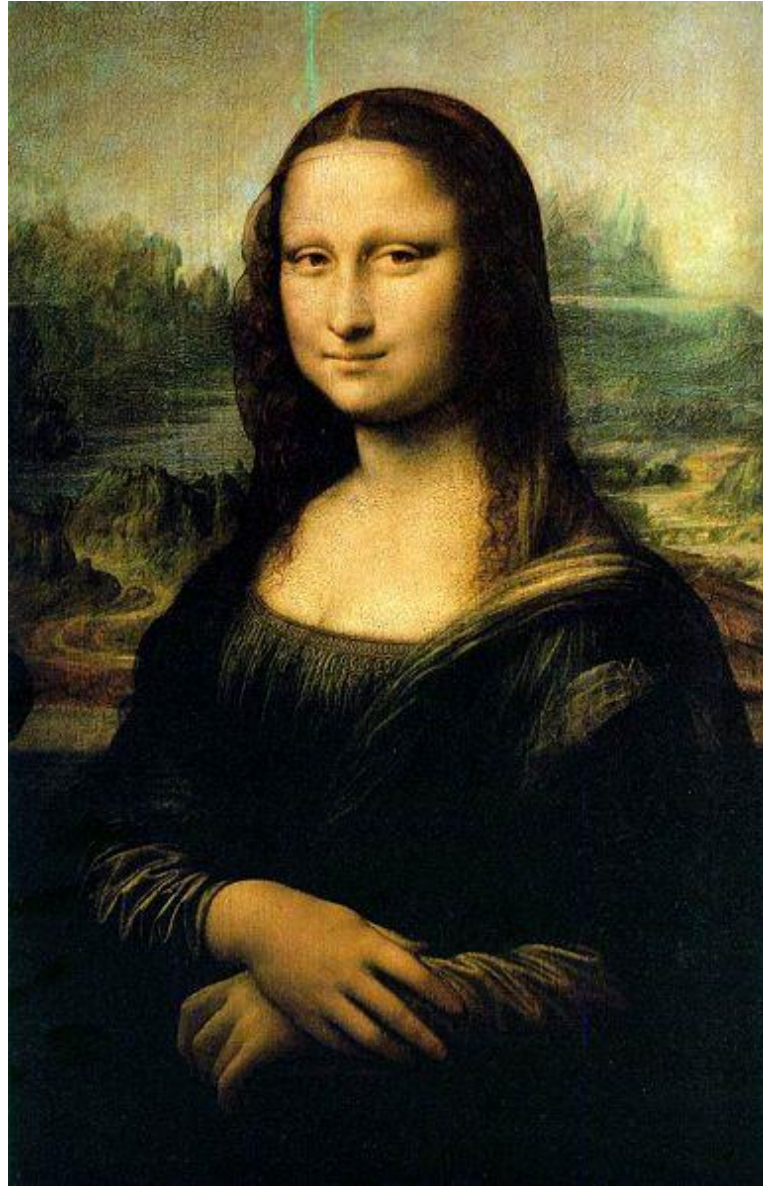
Leonardo DaVinci



Leonardo da Vinci: The Last Supper (1498)



Leonardo da Vinci: Mona Lisa (1504)



Michelangelo's David (1504)



Michelangelo Sistine Chapel (1512)



Renaissance Spreads North

- Increased trade leads to sharing of ideas
- Northern artists and scholars travel to Italy
- Italian artists move north to flee fighting
- Printing press makes books easy to produce

Northern Philosophers and Writers

- Erasmus (1456-1536)
 - Christian humanist
 - Priest who wrote about pure and simple Christian life without rituals and politics of church
- Sir Thomas Moore (1478-1535)
 - Vision of perfect society based on reason
- Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- Christine de Pisan (1364-1430)