



Pathfinder: Renaissance

This pathfinder will help you with research on the Renaissance time

Search Tools: When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

Terms and Keywords: Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try word(s) to find your subject using a broad term such as 'renaissance art' or you could try individual artist like 'Leonardo da Vinci'. Use the index in the back of the book for your specific subject. The following are some terms to use for the Renaissance:

- Reformation
- Florence, Italy
- Humanism
- Machiavelli
- Renaissance art

Dewey Numbers: We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

- 709.024 Renaissance Art section
- 92 Biography
- 940.21 Renaissance time period
- 945.05 Italian Renaissance

***Remember to use the index for your specific subject!

Reference Materials to Use: The books with a reference sticker *cannot* be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the reference books on the Renaissance.

- REF 509 WHI History of Science, Vol. 4, The European Renaissance
- REF 709 JAN Janson's History of Art
- REF 940.21 ENC Encyclopedia of the Renaissance & the Reformation
- REF 940.21 REN Renaissance

Internet Resources: When you *google* a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. If they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are some websites you can use:

- www.learner.org/interactives/renaissance/ Interactive guide of the Renaissance
- www.luminarium.org/renlit/ Renaissance Biography and Literature

Additional Reading (fiction and nonfiction):

- *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Durant
- *Poison* by Kathryn Harrison
- *Jepp Who Defied the Stars* by Katherine Marsh
- *The Passion of Artemisia* by Susan Vreeland
- *Elizabeth I* (biographies by many authors)
- *Eleanor of Aquitaine* (biographies by many authors)