

# BELL WORK

The word Renaissance means “rebirth”. Think about a time in your life when you experienced a BIG change. For example...going to a new school, moving to new place, etc. Write a few sentences about this “change” or experience.

## **Challenge Question:**

*Why did the Renaissance occur?*



# Objective & Standard

**I can evaluate the emergence of the Renaissance by creating a mind map.**

- SPI 7.43 Trace the emergence of the Renaissance, including influence from Moorish (or Muslim) scholars in Spain.

# The Middle Ages???

- **When was the Middle Ages?**
- **What were some of the main events of the Middle Ages?**
- **Who were some important people during the Middle Ages?**
- **Why did the Middle Ages end?**

**THINK!**



# In Your Notes...

1. The Middle Ages was a very harsh and dark time. This is why many refer to it as the Dark Ages.

- Do you think the Renaissance was a reaction to the Middle Ages? Why or why not? Are we in a 'dark age' or a renaissance today? Explain your answer.

2. The renaissance means rebirth.

- Can you think of any other time there has been a 'rebirth' in history. Explain your answer.

# Renaissance Overview

- The European Renaissance began in Northern Italy in the **14th century**. The Tuscan city of Florence is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance. Gradually, the movement spread from Italy to other parts of Europe.
- The Renaissance is generally considered to have started in Florence, Italy around the years **1350 to 1400**.
- The start of the Renaissance also was the end of the Middle Ages.

# Renaissance Overview

- One of the big changes in the Renaissance was in the way people thought about things. In the Middle Ages people thought that life was supposed to be hard. They grew up thinking life was nothing but **hard work and war**.
- However, around the 1300s, the people in Florence, Italy began to think differently about life. They studied the writings and works of the Greeks and the Romans and realized that **earlier civilizations had lived differently**.
- This new way of thinking was called **Humanism**. Now people thought that life could be enjoyable and they could have comforts. They started to think that people should be **educated** and that things like **art, music, and science** could **make life better for everyone**. This was a real change in the way people thought.



# The Moors

- The Moors were Muslims who occupied Spain during the Middle to the end of the Middle Ages.
- The moors had a huge impact on Europe as well. Paper, science techniques, progress in astronomy, chemistry, physics, mathematics, & geography.
- Christians would eventually take back Spain in efforts that were called the **Reconquista**.

**How do you think Spain/Europe would be different today without the contributions of the Muslim Moors?**





# Exit Ticket

1. Why and how did the Renaissance emerge?
2. Describe something you learned about the arts/literature from the Renaissance.

