



THE RENAISSANCE ERA

The last time we studied Europe:

- ⦿ Europe was living in feudal estates
- ⦿ Europe was recovering from the Bubonic Plague
- ⦿ They were fighting with the Arab Empire in the Crusades

What do you remember about this?

Renaissance

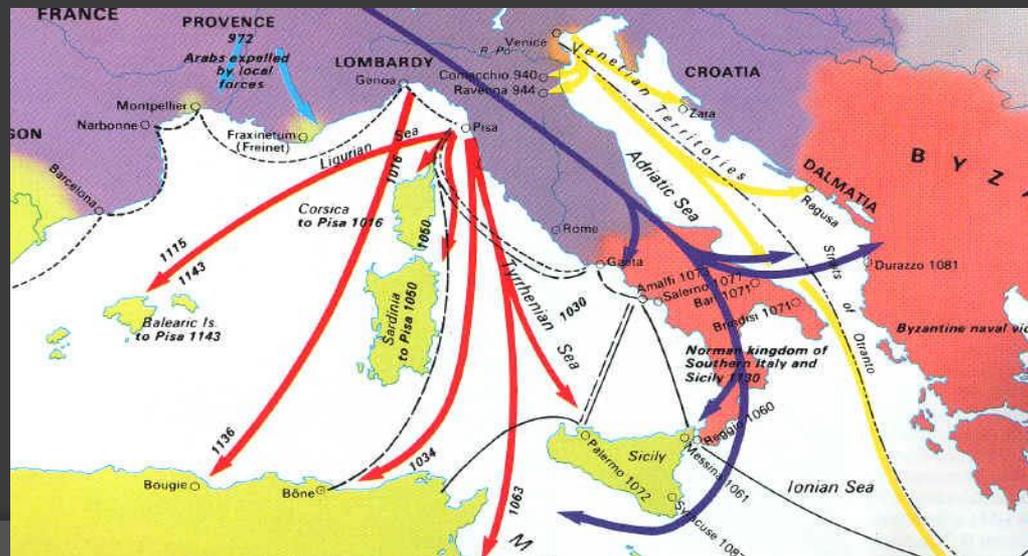
- ◎ The Renaissance is considered to be the beginning of the modern era (meaning the era that we are currently in!)
- ◎ The era of the Renaissance follows the Middle Ages from the years 1300's-1500's
- ◎ Renaissance means “rebirth”
 - Where else have you heard this term?

The Renaissance was a time where...

- ◎ Classical Greco-Roman (Greece and Rome) ideas were revived
- These ideas were preserved through the middle ages by the Byzantine Empire.

The Beginning

- The Renaissance began in Italian cities because of their access to trade routes.
- Trade brought wealth to Italy
- Cities began to become important again.



- ◎ Wealthy Patrons supported the arts and education
- ◎ A patron is someone that financially supports a person, organization, cause, or activity.

Humanism

- ◎ Humanism spread throughout Western Europe.
- ◎ An age of reborn interest in the arts, education, and the classical culture of ancient Greece and Rome.



- ① The Renaissance emphasized the abilities and accomplishments of human beings (not just God!)
- ② Humanists believed people were capable of great things and placed a great value on education
- ③ As a result, artists, architects, writers, scientists and other talented individuals were greatly admired.

Discussion: What differences do you see in these two painting for 2 different eras?



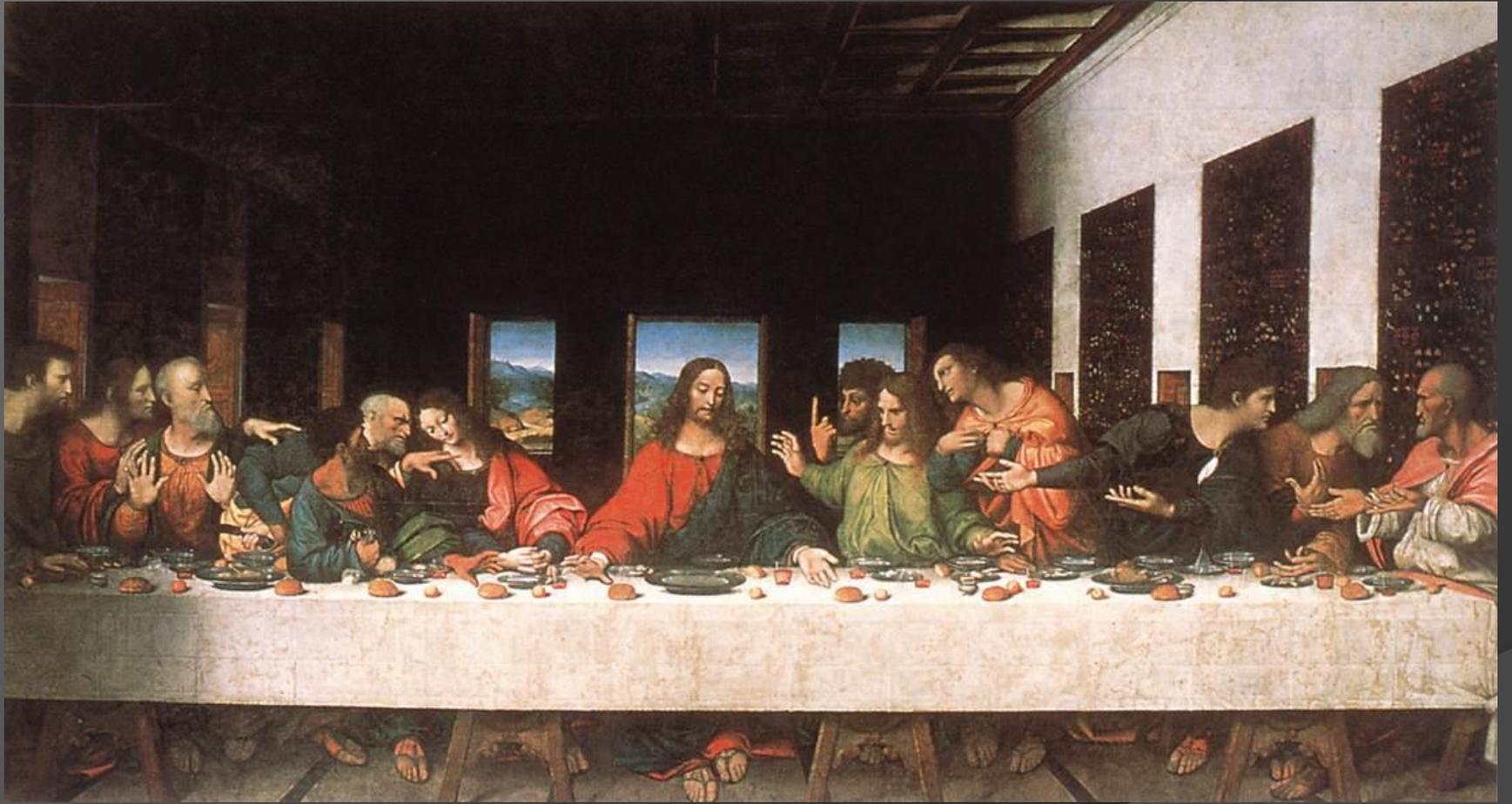
Medieval Era Painting



Renaissance Era Painting

Art

- Oil-based paints were used for the first time
- Artist began to paint in perspective (3D) using shading.
- Artists painted everyday life instead of religious scenes.



- ⦿ Now that people had value, they started to challenge authority during this time.
- ⦿ This meant also challenging the church.