**Unit 1: The Italian Renaissance-Notes**

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| **Background** **Rise of Italian City States****Politics in the Italian City States** **Major City States****Decline of the Italian City States****Humanism** **Italian Humanist** **Political Humanist: Niccolò Machiavelli** **Humanist on Individual Behavior:** **Baldassare Castiglione** **Printing Press** | 1. **What is the Renaissance considered to be?**
2. **How long did the Renaissance last?**
3. **Where did the Renaissance begin? End?**
4. **How long did it last in Northern Europe?**
5. **When did it occur in England?**
6. **What did Jacob Burckhardt Claim in the 19th century?**
7. **Why were the upper classes able to participate in the Renaissance?**
8. **Why did the Renaissance have little impact on the peasantry?**
9. **What three Italian cities states developed extensive international trade?**
10. **What two types of governments developed in the city states?**
11. **What was the Commenda?**
12. **Why did Italy not unify politically? This led to an early what?**
13. **What does balance of power mean?**
14. **What lead to the downfall of the city states?**

**Republic of Florence:**1. **What family dominated Florence? How did they make their living?**
2. **Who was Cosimo de Medici?**
3. **Who was Lorenzo the Magnificent?**

**Duchy of Milan:** 1. **What family ruled Milan after 1450?**
2. **What two city states was Milan a sworn enemy of? Why?**
3. **What was the Peace of Lodi in 1454? What did it create?**

**The Papal States (Rome):** 1. **What area of Italy did the popes control?**

**Venetian Republic (Venice):** 1. **How did Venice project its power?**

**Naples and Kingdom of the Two Sicilies:** 1. **What are of Italy did they control?**
2. **Was the only city state to have what form of government?**
3. **Was eventually controlled by what two foreign powers?**
4. **What foreign power invaded Italy in 1494?**
5. **What did Florence’s attempt at appeasement lead to?**
6. **Why did Spain get involved?**
7. **What city states formed an alliance with Spain?**
8. **What marked the end of the Renaissance in Italy in 1527?**
9. **List the key Characteristics of Humanism**

**Petrarch:** 1. **He is considered to be the first what?**
2. **How did he describe the Middle Ages?**
3. **Who was he influenced by?**
4. **What language did he write in?**

**Leonardo Buni:** 1. **He was the first to use what term?**
2. **What type of humanist was he?**
3. **What did he write?**
4. **What was The Prince?**
5. **How did he describe a ruler?**
6. **What characteristics did he say a ruler should have?**
7. **What was his famous work called?**
8. **What did he say made a true gentleman?**
9. **What was the ideal “Renaissance Man” according to Castiglione?**
10. **Who developed the printing press?**
11. **What was moveable type?**
12. **What was the first massed produced book using the printing press?**
13. **What ides did the printing press help spread?**
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