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• Objective: Explain the causes and effects of the Northern Renaissance and its impact upon history. Identify major literary and artistic figures, and explain the significance of their achievements.

• Terms: Hanseatic League, Johannes Gutenberg, Erasmus, Sir Thomas More, Shakespeare, Christine de Pisan

• Guiding Questions: How and why did the Renaissance spread to northern Europe? What contributions did writers and philosophers make to the northern Renaissance? How did the works of northern artist differ from those of the Italian Renaissance?
Lesson #7-Northern Renaissance

- Agenda: Bellwork, Northern Renaissance Notes, Exit Ticket, Altarpiece Masterpiece Assignment
- Bellwork: Begin a new section of notes titled “Northern Renaissance”. Write down the following terms and answer the question below:

Hanseatic League, Johannes Gutenberg, Erasmus, Sir Thomas More, Shakespeare, Christine de Pisan

How do you think the Renaissance spread to other parts of Europe?
The Renaissance Spreads North
Movement of Ideas-Trade

• **Hanseatic League**-merchant organization that *controlled and organized trade* in Northern Europe.

• *Protected its members* from pirates and other hazards.

• Built *lighthouses and trained ship captains*.

• What does trade have to do with the movement of ideas?
Movement of Ideas-War and Education

• In Italy the different city states are at war with each other. This causes artists to flee Italy seeking refuge in other areas of Europe.

• Artists brought with them humanism and new painting techniques.

• Scholars from Northern Europe desired an education from Italy, and returned to their homelands with humanist ideas.
Movement of Ideas-Literacy

• **Johannes Gutenberg**—in mid 1400s perfected a **movable type printing press**

• Quickly print on both sides of paper, resulting on processing books *faster and cheaper*.

• This invention allowed the **masses to be educated**, now having access to books, leading to an explosion of the spread of Renaissance ideas.

• People want to learn how to read and write.
RECAP: How and why did the Renaissance spread to northern Europe?

There are three major ways the ideas of the Italian Renaissance spread to other parts of Europe:

• Trade
• War and Education
• Printing Press
Philosophers and Writers

- **Christian humanism**—popular in Northern Europe, combined ideas of the Renaissance with Christian ideas.

- **Desiderius Erasmus**—a priest in the Netherlands, wrote about a simple Christian life, criticizing the rituals and politics within the church.

- Emphasized the importance of education.

- Erasmus’ works *fanned the flames* of the growing discontent of the Catholic Church leading to his works being censored in Paris, and him being *condemned* by the Church.
Philosophers and Writers

- **Sir Thomas More**—a friend of Erasmus, spread the ideas of humanism in England.
- **Utopia**—described a perfect, non-existent society based on reason. *Utopia*, also openly criticized *English government and society*. 
Philosophers and Writers

• **William Shakespeare**—English playwright who drew inspiration from ancient and contemporary works of literature.

• Humanist topics, a knowledge of science, and an *understanding of human nature* are expressed in his writings.

• Writes about love and betrayal-topics that *appeal to the human psyche*. This differed greatly from the morality plays during the Middle Ages which focused on proper behavior.
Philosophers and Writers

• **Christine de Pisan**-Italian-born writer. Her father educated her and she worked for the French court as a widow with three children.

• *The City of Women*-focuses on the role of women in society.

• Advocated the need for women to be *educated* as men were.
RECAP: What contributions did writers and philosophers make to the northern Renaissance?

• Speak out against the Catholic Church, confirming what people already feel.
• Criticize monarchies and local governments.
• Introduction of Elizabethan theatre (topics that appeal to human psyche) rather than morality plays.
• Women’s right to be educated.
Exit Ticket

• How did the Renaissance spread to northern Europe?
• What contributions did writers and philosophers make to the northern Renaissance?
Altarpiece Masterpiece

• Directions: After viewing altarpieces in class, create your version of an altarpiece to tell a narrative of the most important scenes in your favorite song, book, or movie. The challenge is to tell the story with just a few scenes.

• You may cut your altar piece into whatever shape you like. The exterior of the altarpiece will be grayscale and the interior in full color for impact.

• Be sure to put your name and topic on the bottom exterior of the altarpiece.

• You will not be graded or your skill level, but on effort. Present to the class for 5 bonus points.