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Year 8 History

Renaissance and Reformation

We will leave the Medieval world behind and look at how Britain and Europe evolved during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. We will look at the revival of ancient learning and wisdom and a religious dispute that tore Europe apart.

First, we will examine Christopher Columbus' voyage to America and its impact on Europe. Then we shall introduce how European science and art were transformed by the Renaissance. Finally we shall examine the Reformation, a religious conflict that saw Britain break away from the Pope's control and embrace Protestant Christianity.

Keyword	Definition
Catholicism	A type of Christianity that is led by the Pope in Rome.
Classical World	The civilisations of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome.
Early Modern Period	The period of history between the years 1500 to 1750.
Indulgences	Paying money in order to spend less time in purgatory after you died.
Protestantism	A type of Christianity that is separate from the Catholic Church
Purgatory	A place that Catholics believed most people went to when they died. You would be purified of your sins and eventually go to heaven.
Puritanism	An extreme form of Protestantism.

Reformation	The split in the Catholic Church and the creation of Protestantism during the fifteenth century.
Renaissance	The rediscovery in Europe of learning from the classical world, literally means 'rebirth'.
Sources	Evidence that historians use to investigate the past e.g. a photograph, a coin, a newspaper.