

Renaissance Dinner Party

Assessment

Renaissance—a rebirth or revival, of culture, skills, and knowledge previously forgotten. Generally characterized as a period in Europe between the years of 1400-1600.

The Renaissance in Europe was a time of innovative thinking, learning and creativity. The people of this period idolized the Ancient Greeks and Romans and modeled themselves after the classical people of antiquity. With roots firmly in the classical era, the people of the Renaissance ushered in a whole new era of human history, blossoming ideas and flourishing progress toward a modern world.

Standards: History & English

Assignment: You have been invited to a dinner party with influential Renaissance figures! You will choose one person to research. Make sure you choose someone who you can connect with because you will be impersonating this person for the entire block of the dinner party.

Part I:

---- Complete a 1-2 page **TYPED** write-up with research of each of the following areas pertaining to your Renaissance person. You may do this in paragraph form or bullets with complete sentences:

1. *Personality Characteristics*—what are you like?
2. *Training/schooling*—what type of education did you receive?
3. *Talents*—what talents and skills do you have?
4. *Famous Works/Accomplishments*—what are you known for in history?
5. *Famous Quotes*—what did you say back in your day?
6. *Interesting Facts*—what fascinating facts about your person can you dig up?
7. *Impact*—what did you do to influence your time period and what impact did you have on history.

---- Create a collage/poster that showcases your Renaissance person. This should be on an 8x11" page. This should be stapled to your typed write-up.

Part II:

1. ---- Questions for guests at your table. You will be assigned to a table group of Renaissance people for the dinner party. Once you receive this assignment, you will develop two questions per person at your table from your person's perspective. The questions should be open-ended instead of "one-word" answers. Your questions should demonstrate that you have basic knowledge of the life and type of work the each individual at your table.
2. ---- Create a costume for your Renaissance figure. It may be either literal or symbolic.

Part III: Dinner Party Day

1. ---- Come dressed in your costume! Make sure you take on the persona of the person you are imitating. Do not step out of character. Remember, for this activity to be fun and meaningful each person **MUST** remain in character the whole class period!
2. ---- Have your questions for the guests at your table typed or neatly written. Leave space to write down the answers.
3. Feel free to bring in food/drink to share with the class to make it a real dinner party.

EXTRA CREDIT: You have a chance to earn extra credit if you can connect the food/drink to your Renaissance person or the time period somehow. In addition to the food connecting to your person/historical time period, you need to write a BREIF paragraph on why/how your food/drink relates to your person/time periods.

RENAISSANCE DINNER PARTY GUEST LIST

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Galileo—Italian Scientist2. Christopher Columbus—Italian Explorer3. Francisco Pizarro—Italian Explorer4. Hernan Cortes—Spanish Explorer5. Ferdinand Magellan—Portuguese Explorer6. Raphael—Italian painter and architect7. Francesco Petrarch—Italian scholar, poet, humanist8. Hans Holbein—English Painter9. Christopher Marlow—English Playwright10. Michelangelo—Italian artist11. Lorenzo Medici—Italian statesman12. Sandro Botticelli—Italian artist13. Leonardo da Vinci—Italian Renaissance man14. Donatello—Italian artists15. Giorgio Vasari—Italian Renaissance man16. Dante Alighieri—Italian poet | <ol style="list-style-type: none">17. Boccaccio—Renaissance artist, humanist18. King Henry VIII of England19. Queen Catherine of Spain20. Queen Mary of England21. Queen Anne Bolyn of England22. Girolamo Cardano—Italian mathematician, scientist23. Niccolo Machiavelli—Italian statesman, writer24. Johannes Gutenberg—German inventor25. Titian—Italian painter26. Nicolas Copernicus—Polish Renaissance astronomer27. Andreas Versalius—Flemish scientists28. Queen Isabella I—Spanish queen29. King Ferdinand—Spanish king30. Queen Elizabeth I—English queen31. William Shakespeare—English playwright32. Miguel Cervantes—Spanish writer33. Albrecht Durer—German painter |
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Work Days:

12/1, 12/3, 12,5

On each of these days you will have SOME class time to work on your dinner party assignment.

Dinner Party Day:

You are cordially invited to attend a dinner party on December 9th in the year 2014.