Chapter 2
The Renaissance — Origins of Modern Age in Europe

People
Francesco Petrarch
Leonardo da Vinci
Nicolò Machiavelli
Michelangelo Buonarroti
Sofonisba Anguissola
Baldassare Castiglione
Christine de Pisan
Girolamo Savonarola
Desiderius Erasmus
Johann Gutenberg

Terms
medieval
secular
republic
oligarchies
humanism
Renaissance princes
classicism
nuclear family
serf
dogma

Knowledge/Understanding Questions

1. Write a description of the city-states of Renaissance Italy.

2. Florence was ruled by which elements of the population? Who were the Medici?

3. Did women have a Renaissance? Which women?

4. How did the medieval period come to be termed the “Dark Ages”?

5. What is unique about human beings and humanity?

6. What was the legacy of the Renaissance papacy?

7. Explain what kind of education was a primary concern for the humanists.

8. Describe the characteristics of the Renaissance courtier.

9. What was Thomas More’s “utopia,” and where is it?

10. List the five ideas of modern life that were introduced during the Renaissance.

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