

Subject: History

Topic: Medieval & Renaissance times


Level: S.2

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Worksheet 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ No.: _____ Date: _____

Students will work in pairs to read and discuss the information in the following passage about either the Renaissance or Medieval times. They will then use take on the role as either (graphic) or (graphic) and use the discussed information to complete a comparative table summarizing the key points in the passages below

One of you will be  and the other will be 

Passage A for 

Medieval Times

There are some special features of Medieval art, literature and architecture. Let us find out each of their special features one by one.

Art

There are two main features of Medieval art. First^{ly}, Medieval art was about religion only. Medieval artists only made paintings and sculptures about God and the Church, so their art was unrealistic. They never did paintings and sculptures about the lives of ^{the} common people. Second^{ly}, their work^s were rather dull and not very colourful.

Literature

Similarly, there are two main features of Medieval literature. First^{ly}, Medieval literature was ^{only} about religion. The writers tried to ^{persuade} the readers to think about life after death. Medieval writers only wrote in Latin.

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Passage B for



The Renaissance

There are some special features of Renaissance art, literature and architecture. Let us find out each of their special features one by one.

Art

There are two main features of Renaissance art. Firstly, it was mainly about the lives of people. Therefore, their work was realistic. Secondly, Renaissance artists did paintings and sculptures to show the beauty of the world around them. Therefore, their works were colourful.

Literature

Similarly, there are two main features of Renaissance literature. Firstly, it was mainly about human affairs such as love and politics. Secondly, Renaissance writers wrote in their native languages.

Architecture

Builders in Renaissance times copied many ideas from the Greeks and Romans. They built dome-shaped churches with tall columns like the Greek and Roman buildings. They made wide windows that were decorated with colorful stained glass showing beautiful patterns and human figures.

Table for completion

	Medieval	Renaissance
Art		
Literature		
Architecture		