

Summer Assignment: European History

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1. Go to the Internet Medieval Sourcebook website, which contains excerpts from Renaissance works. This site can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook1x.html>

At the site, read the following excerpts from Machiavelli and Vasari:

- Niccolò Machiavelli (1469-1527): [The Prince](#), excerpts, 1513s.
- Giorgio Vasari (1511-1574): [Leonardo da Vinci](#), 1550.

2. Go to the section of the Internet Medieval Sourcebook website which contains excerpts from Reformation works. This site can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook02.html>

At the site, read the following excerpt from Martin Luther:

- Martin Luther (1483-1546): [95 Theses](#), 1517 [At Medieval Sourcebook]

3. Answer the following question using standard, five-paragraph essay form.

During the 15th and 16th centuries, how did Renaissance authors define politics, art, and religion? Be sure to include all three of the above sources to support your argument.

Some tips:

- 1) Your essay should be typed and single-spaced. Do not worry about the length of the essay. It should be roughly one page in length. Considering the sources you have to work with, this should not be a challenge.
- 2) While the sources may be challenging assignments, keep in mind that you are simply attempting to gain a basic understanding of each author's argument or point of view.
- 3) Use Machiavelli to address political views of the time period. Use Vasari to address artistic views. Use Martin Luther to address religious views.
- 4) Use the attached organizer in order to arrange your thoughts and information before typing out your essay.

FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

