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Renaissance III Humanism, its spread, and Niccolò Machiavelli

Petrarch - father of Renaissance humanism

- 3 periods of history
- Inspiration for active search for classical world
- Represented totally new perspective
 - ↳ Conflict between T and pagan value
 - ↳ Focusing on the individual
- Critic of corruption of Pope @ Avignon

Civic humanism

- ↳ Prepare people for their civic role
- ↳ 2 areas of humanism - civic & Italian
- ↳ Christian humanism - Erasmus, Thomas More
- ↳ Rises in Florence - recent republic, mercantile

Crisis of the late 14th century

- Visconti conquests - Milanese expansions
- Florence is saved by plague
- Conclusion - education system had failed → civic humanism → push of humanism through Italy/Europe

Coluccio Salutati

- Put humanist education on top for gov't jobs
- w/ humanist background, better diplomats

Leonardo Bruni

- Central in extending this approach
- Key writings - History of Florentine Republic

After

15th century - wealth leads to rise of...

The Medici Family

- Cosimo de Medici
- Lorenzo de Medici / The Magnificent - flowering of Renaissance
- Cardinals & Popes
- Grand Dukes of Tuscany
- Great patrons of Humanist ideals ✓

1454 - 1494 - Peace of Lodi → French invasion
- Main flowering of the Renaissance

Major Powers in Italy

- Florentine Republic
- Venetian Republic
- Rome/Papal States
- Duchy of Milan
- Kingdom of Naples

1380 - 1450 - Start of Renaissance

1454 - 1494 - Flowering

1490 - 1500s - Spread into Europe

Architecture

- Duomo
- Palazzo Vecchio - Ancient
- Palazzo Vecchio - old town hall
- Giotto's Campanile

Smaller states

- Pisa - Leaning Tower
- Siena - Piccolomini chapel, horse race
- ★ - The Court of Urbino
 - Duke is a former mercenary captain
 - Castle
 - Finishing school for elites

Niccolò Machiavelli

- French invade, chaos 1494-98
- ↳ Observer of fall of Florence, 1494, and rise of Medici in 1512
 - ↳ Most famous for *The Prince*
 - ↳ Most influential for *The Discourses*
 - ↳ Civic humanism
 - ↳ Worked in gov't of Republic Florence
 - ↳ In *The Prince* - drawing on classical ideas
 - first political scientist

The Prince

- "mirror for princes" - guide for political & ethical guidance
- Flattering job application
- Critical job application
 - talking about people who did everything right but still fails (Cesare Borgia)

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