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The Renaissance II: Humanism & L'ouno universale

Self conscious movement w/ coherence

Relatively progressive & innovative
↳ progressed & built upon antiquity
↳ Rebirth AND renewal

Impact of vernacular language + focus on individual

Humanist Movement

- ↳ Natural world + the individual
- ↳ Ad fontes - to the sources
 - Built upon ancient world
 - Applying to every aspect of the period
- ↳ Does not come from within
 - Outside impacts - Islamic world & Asia
 - Genoese bring back Eastern treasures - 1291 4th Crusade
 - Ottoman invasion into Europe - 1453

Italy in 1454

- Republic of Florence
- Republic of Venice
- Papal States
- Duchy of Milan
- Kingdom of Naples

1454-1494 - Peace of Lodi, rise of diplomacy

↳ Peaceful time for Italy

↳ Not total peace - just no major war
- Borgias, bad ally deals

Florence - the cradle of the Renaissance

↳ little class based cultural separation

Inspiration from Roman ruins

↳ ex. done at the Pantheon \Rightarrow Brunelleschi

↳ Retrieval of Vitruvius's architectural writings

Renaissance Sculpture

- Duplicating ancients

- Political purposes

- David in public square after De Medicis' reign

Renaissance Painting

Connections across disciplines

- education

- art

- science

- technology & engineering

Origins of Modern Science

- logical

- experimental

- mathematical

L'uomo universale - the universal man

- 3 people in particular

Leonardo da Vinci

- engineer but excels in many fields
- sketching, portraiture
- Vitruvian man
- Great painter
 - Virgin of the Rocks, Mona Lisa
- One of the first to look inside cadavers
 - sketches of the human body

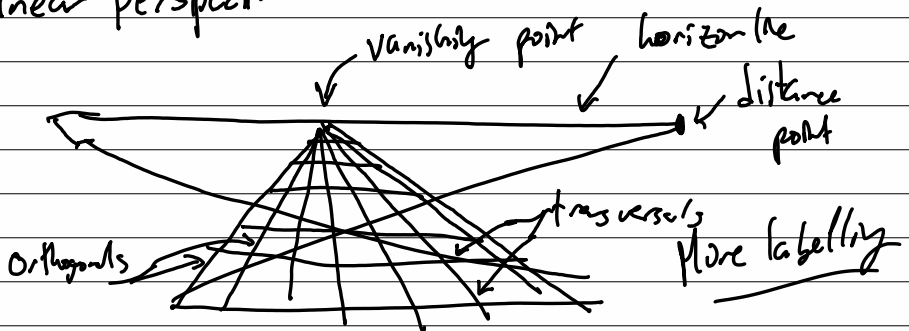
Michelangelo

- arguably most varied
- Painter, sculptor, architect
 - David,
 - Sistine chapel
 - St. Peter's Basilica

Raphael of Urbino

- extremely profound portraiture
- School of Athens
 - Plato + Aristotle
 - Plato pointing to the heavens
 - Aristotle holding his hand out to the world around us
 - Diogenes not participating

Linear perspective



Studie humanitatis

- Latin & Greek
 - History
 - Moral philosophy
 - Traditional liberal arts - revival of Roman education
 - Grammar
 - Rhetoric
 - DialecticTrivium
 - Geometry
 - Astronomy
 - Music
 - Mathematics
- Quadrivium

Existed in Medieval, but usually only as prep for Theology

In Renaissance, more concrete system of education

- Based in reading the classics

Start of humanism

- Combo of independent factors & came together
- Preceding Italian Renaissance, 13th - 14th century
- Popularized in 15th, spread in 15th - 16th
- Medieval phenomena & roots of humanism
 - formal rhetoric - Italy
 - Latin grammar - France
 - Classical Greek lit & languages - Islamic world + Byzantine Empire

Xianity + Greek philosophy

- Plato "declared" by Aquinas

Renaissance Neo-Platonism

- Florentine Platonic Academy
- Neo-Platonism
 - Synthesize Christianity and Platonism
- Aristotle is arguably the revolution

Latin

↳ vernacular languages grow BUT Latin remains the top language