Renaissances: The Cultures Of Italy, C. 1300-c. 1600

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It started as a cultural movement in Italy in the Late Medieval period and later spread to the rest of Europe. See the fact file below for more information on the Renaissance or alternatively, you can download our 22-page Renaissance worksheet pack to utilise within the classroom or home environment. Key Facts & Information. Background to the renaissance. The word ‘renaissance’ is a French word which means ‘rebirth’. The revival of classical Roman culture surfaced during the proto-Renaissance period in Italy during the late 13th century. Italian intellectuals such as Petrarch and Boccaccio revived ancient Greek and Roman language and values. Florentine painter Giotto introduced a new technique in presenting the human body in frescoes.