

ARE YOU A RENAISSANCE HUMANIST?

What Humanists believed about...

...HUMANITY

Humanists emphasized personal achievement instead of social standing. They believed that individual humans had beauty, worth, virtue, and dignity. This was a huge departure from the thinking of the Middle Ages, which limited people to the social class they were born into (e.g. peasants or serfs).



...EDUCATION

Humanists also valued the study of Humanities, a wide range of subjects that included rhetoric, grammar, ethics, poetry, and history. A notable commonality between those subjects was their focus on human life and culture.

...THE PAST

Furthermore, Humanists thought the Greek and Roman classics contained lessons to help people lead an effective life, and that classical antiquity could help them repair the damage that society had sustained since the fall of the Roman Empire. However, they also sought to improve upon those ideas, adapting them to fit with the beliefs of the time.



...ART

Finally, art during the Renaissance was interwoven with Humanist beliefs. People were portrayed realistically as if any alteration to their appearance would affect their dignity. The influence of classical art could be seen in paintings and sculptures that showed a high degree of realism and detail.

**HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR SCORE:
AVERAGE YOUR SCORES FOR EACH
SECTION. IF THE RESULT IS LARGER THAN
50%, YOU ARE A HUMANIST!**

My score:
72.5%
Result:
I am a Humanist!