**People of the Renaissance Period**

* [Balboa](http://campus.northpark.edu/history/WebChron/Americas/Balboa.html) - crossed the Isthmus of Panama and claimed the Pacific for Spain.
* [Botticelli](http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/botticelli/) - Painted Birth of Venus and other scenes from classical mythology also noted for his Madonnas
* [Boyle](http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Boyle.html) - founder of Modern Chemistry
* [Calvin and Calvinism](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03195b.htm) - broke away from the Catholic church, defined his new religion, emphasized predestination. Created a new church in Switzerland
* [Charlemagne](http://historymedren.about.com/library/who/blwwcharlemagne.htm) - King of the Franks, the Lombards, and first Holy Roman Emperor
* [Christopher Columbus](http://www1.minn.net/~keithp/) - Medieval explorer
* [Copernicus](http://historymedren.about.com/library/who/blwwcopernicus.htm) - (Polish scientist) Heliocentric theory (sun is the center of the universe)
* [Cortes](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04397a.htm) - Defeated the Aztec ruler Montezuma
* [Descartes](http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Descartes.html) - Described a new method of inquiry in which all thought would follow the orderly progression of scientific reasoning
* [Durer](http://www.artchive.com/artchive/D/durer.html) - noted for copper engravings and woodcuts
* [Ferdinand](http://www.bartleby.com/65/fe/Ferdi2Ara.html) - led the Spanish Inquisition
* [Frederick I (Barbarossa)](http://historymedren.about.com/library/who/blwwbarbarossa.htm) - "first king of Prussia" as granted by the Holy Roman Emperor
* [Galileo](http://galileo.rice.edu/) - Used the telescope to prove that the earth rotated on its axis. (popularized the use of the telescope)
* [Genghis Khan](http://www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca/vexhibit/genghis/biog.htm) - founder of the Mongol Dynasty
* [Gutenberg](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07090a.htm) -Invented the moveable type
* Hammurabi-created a set of laws
* [Joan d'Arc](http://www.medieval.net/joanofarc.htm) - Warrior Maiden of France
* Julius Caesar- Ruler of the Roman Empire
* Justinian- created a code of laws
* [Kepler](http://www.kepler.arc.nasa.gov/johannes.html) - Reknowned astronomer who discovered that the orbits of the planets were ellipses
* Leonardo Da Vinci- artist who painted *The Last Super, Mona Lisa*
* [Luther, Martin](http://historymedren.about.com/library/who/blwwluther.htm) and Lutheranism - Protested against the Catholic church's use of indulgences and the corruption of the church; challenged the church by posting 95 thesis on the church door
* [Machiavelli](http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/philosophers/machaivelli.html) - Wrote the book "The Prince" which emphasized control of the people by a ruler to establish a society where people would be best served by the ruler.
* [Magellan](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09526b.htm) - First to circumvent the globe
* [Marco Polo](http://www.silk-road.com/artl/marcopolo.shtml) - reknowned explorer
* Michaelangelo- Artist for *Sistine Chapel, Moses, David, Last Judgement*
* [Pizarro](http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/people/A0839247.html) - Conqueror the Incas
* [Ponce de Leon](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12228a.htm) - explored Florida
* [Raphael](http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/raphael/) - Artist noted for his Madonnas
* [Richard the Lionhearted](http://www.templarhistory.com/richard.html) - The 'absent' Warrior King of England
* [Sir Thomas More](http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/tmore.htm) - Wrote "Utopia" which described both social problems and possible solutions
* [Vasco da Gama](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06374a.htm) - Sailed around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa and brought back spices and jewels from India.
* William Shakespear- Wrote many poems
* [William Wallace](http://www.electricscotland.com/history/wallace.htm) - undisputed leader of the Scottish resistance