

What was the Italian Renaissance?

- I. A changing world view
 - A. renaissance translates to “re-birth”
 - B. reawakened interest in classical Greek and Roman learning
 - C. new emphasis on human experience and individual achievement, called humanism
 - D. people looked at the universe in new secular ways
 - E. experimented with new technologies
- II. Italy-Where it began
 - A. Italy’s history and geography
 - 1. Rome, the capital of the Catholic Church is an important patron of the arts
 - 2. location! The Italian peninsula was an easy location for trade in Europe by land and the Mediterranean
 - 3. center of the Roman empire
 - B. Italy’s growing city-state
 - 1. each city-state controlled by powerful family and dominated by wealthy merchant class
 - 2. Florence wa a symbol of the energy and brilliance of the Italian Renaissance