

ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

- 1271-1291 Marco Polo travels to China  
 1273 Thomas Aquinas: SUMMA THEOLOGICA ("credo ut intelligam")  
 1275-1292 Marco Polo in service of Kublai Khan  
 1290 Dante: LA VITA NUOVA, his love for Beatrice Portinari, "sweet new style"  
 1295 Marco Polo returns to Italy, dictates memoirs in Genoa jail  
 1300 Jubilee Year; "jongleurs" in France; Dante is 35 (halfway through the path)  
 1302 Dante fined 5000 florins, banished for 2 years from Florence  
 1303 Rome University founded  
 1305 Giotto frescoes in Padua: LAST JUDGMENT  
 1307-1321 Dante: COMMEDIA  
 1315 Dante refuses recall from exile, receives death penalty in absentia  
 1327 Petrarch sees Laura in Avignon church, poems to her for next 31 years  
 1341 Petrarch crowned Poet Laureate on Capitol, Rome  
 1347-1351 Plague Years: 75 million die of Black Death; Florence 96,000; 1/3 England  
 1348 Boccaccio retires to write DECAMERON with 2 men, 7 women  
 1370 Chaucer makes 3 trips to Italy, listens to Petrarch  
 1378 Ghiberti, Italian sculptor, born; "Great Schism" with two popes until 1417  
 1387 Fra Angelico, Italian painter, born  
 1399 Lucca della Robbia, Italian sculptor, born  
 1406 Venice acquires Padua, Florence conquers Pisa  
 1412 Brunelleschi: "Rules of Perspective"  
 1414 Medici become bankers to Papacy  
 1433 Donatello: DAVID sculpture, Florence  
 1434-1464 Cosimo de Medici becomes ruler of Florence  
 1436 Andrea del Verrocchio, Italian painter and sculptor, teacher of Leonardo  
 1440 Platonic Academy founded, Florence  
 1456 Francois Villon: LE PETIT TESTAMENT  
 1465 Erasmus of Rotterdam born  
 1469 Niccolo Machiavelli born, will write "THE PRINCE"; Lorenzo ruler of Florence  
 1475 Michelangelo Buonarroti born to 19 year old girl; Cesare Borgia born  
 1484 Botticelli: BIRTH OF VENUS  
 1492 Columbus discovers San Salvador, Bahamas; Alexander VI reigns; Lorenzo dies  
 1493 Alexander raises Cesare Borgia to Cardinal; divides New World: Spain & Portugal  
 1494 Leonardo: MADONNA OF THE ROCKS; Savonarola theocracy in Florence  
 1495 Leonardo: THE LAST SUPPER  
 1497 Savonarola excommunicated  
 1498 Savonarola burned; Michelangelo PIETA, St Peters, Rome, at age 23  
 1500 Columbus arrested, put in irons, Spain  
 1501 Michelangelo: DAVID  
 1503 Leonardo: MONA LISA  
 1504 Raphael: MARRIAGE OF THE VIRGIN  
 1506 "LAOCOON" group is unearthed in Rome, Michelangelo witnesses it  
 1508-1512 Michelangelo begins painting Sistine Ceiling  
 1513 Raphael designs excavation of ancient Rome; Machiavelli: IL PRINCIPE  
 1516 Michelangelo: MOSES  
 1518 Tintoretto born  
 1534 Michelangelo: MEDICI tomb, Florence  
 1536 Michelangelo: THE LAST JUDGMENT, Sistine Chapel, Rome  
 1546 Michelangelo: the dome and completion of St. Peter's, Rome  
 1550 Giorgio Vasari: LIVES OF THE ARTISTS  
 1564 Michelangelo, Vesalius, Calvin die; Shakespeare, Marlowe, Galileo, Brueghel born

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