

Chapter 15

Lesson Reviews

Question

Answer

3. What contributed to the rise of the Italian states during the Renaissance?

Causes: their independence, in the absence of a central Italian ruler, and their wealth, derived from trade.

4. How did Machiavelli's work influence political power in the Western world?

He encouraged ruthlessness in the exercise of political power in the Western world.

5. How was society characterized during the Renaissance?

Renaissance society had a rigid social structure largely based on wealth, and fathers dominated family life.

3. How did humanism help define the Italian Renaissance?

By stressing the individual, the classics, new approaches to education, and new artistic techniques and subjects.

4. How was education during the Renaissance shaped by humanism?

By creating a liberal course of study that prepared the whole person through varied studies.

5. How did humanism influence the works of Renaissance artists and authors? Give specific examples.

It influenced da Vinci, who wanted to create idealized human forms, and Christine de Pizan, who argued that women could learn as well as men.

6. How did the works of northern European artists differ from the works of Italian artists?

A key difference was the scale of their works.

