

# Grade 5

## Unit 2: *The Renaissance: Art and Culture*

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### Unit-level Essential Question

What made the Renaissance such a cultural revolution?

#### Lessons 1-5

**Guiding Question:** What is the “spirit of the Renaissance”?

**Writing Prompt:** How did artists like Leonardo da Vinci, Michaelangelo, and Raphael represent the spirit of the Renaissance?

#### Lessons 6-10

**Guiding Question:** How did books like *The Prince* and *The Book of the Courtier* affect society at the time of their release?

**Writing Prompt:** Choose between *The Prince* and *The Book of the Courtier* and consider the main argument your book’s author makes. Do you agree or disagree with the author’s claim about how people should act?

#### Lessons 11-15

**Guiding Question:** What was life like for women in the Renaissance?

**Writing Prompt:** What obstacles did women living in the Renaissance face when they tried to become artists?

#### Lessons 16-19

**Guiding Question:** How does the Renaissance still affect us today?

**Writing Prompt:** Shakespeare coined similes like “dead as a doornail” and “quiet as a lamb.” Develop one or more similes that you think someone could use hundreds of years from now.

### Unit 2 Culminating Activity

Think about some people who are in charge today, such as teachers, parents, politicians, etc. What rules would you give them to live by if you were writing a book like Machiavelli or Castiglione?