Modern European History

Unit 1 – The Renaissance

**Overview of Joan of Arc’s life**

Jeanne d’Arc

born a peasant in 1412 in Domremy, France;

* heard angelic voices at age thirteen, telling her to drive the English from France and to secure the French crown for the rightful heir;
* presented herself to the French Court at age seventeen;
* after examination by a council of Church scholars to determine whether her voices came from God or from the devil, was found to be pure and good;
* given armour, a banner and troops to fight against the English;
* successfully led armies against the English for two years;
* captured and turned over to the English;
* imprisoned for over a year;
* put on trial for heresy and witchcraft without legal counsel;
* found guilty and burned at the stake in 1431;
* cleared of charges 25 years later at a second trial;
* declared a saint over four hundred years later (1920) by Pope Benedict.