Modern European History

Unit 3 – The Renaissance

Northern Renaissance Reading Questions

**Directions**

Read and annotate the handout. Then use correct spelling and grammar and complete sentences to thoroughly answer the questions below on another sheet of paper.

*The Northern Renaissance Begins*

1. What happened to urban populations in Northern Europe after the Hundred Years’ War and the end of the Bubonic Plague?

2. How did Italy contrast with England and France at the time?

*Artistic Ideas Spread*

3. Why did Italian Artists leave Italy for other parts of Europe and what did they bring with them?

4. What types or works did Albrecht Durer create?

5. How did Jan van Eyck influence Renaissance painting?

*Northern Writers try to Reform Society*

6. How were the northern humanists critical of the Christian Church? What did this lead to?

7. What was the focus of northern humanists?

8. What did Thomas More write, what was it about, and what language did he write in?

9. What were the differences in educational access for boys and girls in Europe in the Renaissance?

10. Who was Christine de Pizan?

*The Elizabethan Age*

11. Could Elizabeth have been considered a Renaissance Woman? Why or why not?

12. Considered by many the greatest playwright ever, was William Shakespeare a “Renaissance” writer?

*Printing Spreads Renaissance Ideas*

13. Who invented the printing press, where, and when?

*The Legacy of the Renaissance*

14. In what ways did the Renaissance change art?

15. In what ways did the Renaissance change society?