From the Renaissance to England’s Golden Age

Timeline Cards
The Renaissance Timeline Cards
People living during the Renaissance were interested in the writing of great thinkers and writers from ancient Greece (2500s–300s BCE), such as Plato and Socrates.

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CHAPTER 1: A New Dawn

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The architecture, art, and writings from ancient Rome (700s BCE–400s CE) also inspired people living during the Renaissance.
The late Middle Ages (1200s–1300s), Europe experienced the growth of towns, an increase in trade, and the rise of a money economy.

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CHAPTER 2: From Artisan to Artist

In the 1400s, Brunelleschi and Alberti invented the technique of perspective in painting, brilliantly demonstrated in Raphael’s *School of Athens*.

**Big Question:** What were some of the changes that occurred during the Renaissance for artists and the work they produced?
By 1429, Cosimo de’ Medici became the leader of the Medici family, which had banks in several important cities in Italy as well as in other European cities.

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CHAPTER 4: Rome and the Renaissance Popes

The great Renaissance painter Raphael lived from 1483 to 1520.

**Big Question:** How did the Roman Catholic Church use the many talents of Renaissance artists?
In about 1500, Venice was the leading commercial center in the Western world, controlling trade routes through Europe, the Middle East, and the rest of Asia.

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CHAPTER 6: Leonardo da Vinci

Big Question: Why might Leonardo da Vinci be described as a symbol of the Renaissance?
CHAPTER 7: Michelangelo

Michelangelo (left) was a master painter and sculptor who lived from 1475 to 1564. Among his greatest works is this sculpture of the Pieta (right).

**Big Question:** What does the art that Michelangelo created tell us about the Catholic Church at this time in history?
In 1513, Machiavelli wrote *The Prince*. The printed version was first published in 1532.

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CHAPTER 8: Two “How-To” Men

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German artist Albrecht Dürer (left) lived from 1471 to 1528. He created many outstanding paintings and engravings, such as the one shown on the right.

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Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes lived from 1547 to 1616.
CHAPTER 9: The Renaissance in Northern Europe

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The Reformation Timeline Cards
The Renaissance, which started in Italy in the 1400s, was a time of great artistic and literary achievement. Patrons of the arts and learning included the pope, the Catholic Church, and wealthy families, such as the Medicis.
CHAPTER 1: An Age of Change

In 1440, Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type in Europe.

**Big Question:** What were the obvious advantages of the development of the printing press?
CHAPTER 2: The Birth of Protestantism

In 1517, Martin Luther attached a copy of his Ninety-five Theses, or statements, to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. These statements explained Luther’s religious ideas.

Big Question: Why was Luther’s religious revolution more successful than earlier reformers’ attempts?
CHAPTER 3: The Spread of Protestantism

John Calvin wrote the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* in 1536. Calvin and his writings had major influences on the evolution of the Protestant revolution against the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Big Question:** Besides Lutheranism, what other Protestant religions developed in Europe?
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In 1543, the Polish astronomer Copernicus published his revolutionary theory that Earth revolved around the sun. By placing the sun at the center of a system within a larger universe, with Earth moving around the sun, Copernicus’s theory called into question long held beliefs about the universe.

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Galileo built a more powerful telescope and confirmed Copernicus’s theory of the universe.

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In 1633, Galileo was condemned by the Church for heresy and was forced to recant his support of Copernicus’s theory.

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CHAPTER 5: Reform Within the Church

Ignatius Loyola and Pope Paul III were two leaders of the Counter-Reformation who worked to bring about reform within the Catholic Church.

**Big Question:** What were the outcomes of the Counter-Reformation?
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Introduction: CHAPTER 1

In 1517, Martin Luther attached his Ninety-five Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany.
In 1534, Henry VIII of England broke from the Catholic Church and established the Church of England.
Queen Elizabeth I (1533–1603) ruled England for almost half a century, raising her kingdom to a peak of glory.

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CHAPTER 1: Elizabeth I

William Shakespeare (c. 1564–1616), one of the greatest English playwrights, wrote plays to entertain Elizabeth I and her successor.

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Between 1577 and 1580, Sir Francis Drake robbed other ships’ treasures to give to Queen Elizabeth I of England.

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In 1588, English ships defeated the Spanish Armada.

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CHAPTER 3: The Civil War

At Elizabeth’s death, James VI of Scotland became King James I of England in 1603.

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King Charles I married Henrietta Maria, the Catholic daughter of the king of France, in 1625.

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During the English Civil War (1642–1651), the nobles who supported King Charles were called Cavaliers (left). Those who supported the Parliament were called Roundheads (right).

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Cromwell led Parliament’s army to victory in the English Civil War, which ended in 1651. His troops, nicknamed *Ironsides*, never lost a battle.

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In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of Great Britain.

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In 1660, the English Parliament invited Charles II back to England to be king. This period was known as the Restoration.

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CHAPTER 5: Merry Monarch and Brother

The bubonic plague and the 1666 Great Fire of London created hardship and difficult times for many English people.

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The transfer of power in the late 1680s from James II to William of Orange and his wife, Mary, became known as the Glorious Revolution.

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In the late 1680s, the English Bill of Rights was an important step in limiting the power of kings and queens, and in creating a more democratic government in England.

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