



Section 1

GUIDED READING *Italy: Birthplace of the Renaissance*

A. Determining Main Ideas As you read about the rebirth of learning and the arts in Italy, write notes to answer the questions.

In Italy, thriving urban centers, a wealthy merchant class, and the classical heritage of Greece and Rome encouraged the development of new ideas and values.

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| 1. How did humanism influence the growth of learning? | |
| 2. How did ideas about piety and a simple life change? | |
| 3. What role did patrons of the arts play in the development of Renaissance ideas? | |

Styles in art and literature changed as artists and writers emphasized the individual.

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| 4. What effects did the emphasis on individuals have on painters and sculptors? | |
| 5. How did writers reflect Renaissance values in their work? | |
| 6. How did the writing of Petrarch, Boccaccio, and Machiavelli demonstrate the values of humanism? | |

B. Summarizing On the back of this paper, define **Renaissance**, **humanism**, **perspective**, and **vernacular**.