

UNIT 1: Transition to The Modern World:
Renaissance and Reformation
Chapters 1 and 2

Section A: A Review of the Middle Ages: The High Middle Ages: Secular Civilization

Reading Text: Chapter 1, pages 28-48

Feudalism: A Political and Military Definition- Strayer
Feudal Society: A Social View of Feudalism- Bloch
Church, Kingship, and Lay Investiture- Cantor
The Great Significance of the Crusades- Pirenne
The Meaning of the Middle Ages: The Crusades Minimized- Cantor

Key Agriculture and the Feudal System after A.D. 1000
Topics The Rise of Towns and Commerce
The Growth of Monarchies and Governmental Institutions
The Development of the Medieval Church and Papacy
Intellectual Life: The Universities and Scholasticism
The Crusades; New Invasions; Europe by 1300

Section B: Disasters of the 14th Century : The Decline of Medieval Ideas

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 49-55

Attack on the Papacy: The Conciliar Movement
The Decameron: The Plague in Florence- Boccaccio
The Black Death: A Socioeconomic Perspective- Meiss
A Psychological Perspective of the Black Death- Langer

Key The Black Death and its Consequences
Topics Troubles of the Medieval Church
The Conciliar Movement

Section C: The Renaissance in Italy

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 56-69

The Prince- Machiavelli
The Civilization in Renaissance Italy- Burckhardt
Renaissance or Prenaissance?- Thorndike
Culture and Society in Renaissance Florence- Krey

Key The Italian Cities and the New Conception of Man
Topics Humanism: The Birth of Literature
Schooling , Manners, and Family Life
Politics and the Italian Renaissance

Section D: The Renaissance Outside Italy

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 69-72
Machiavelli and the Renaissance- Chabod
The Renaissance: Christian Humanism- Ferguson

Key Religious Scholarship and Science
Topics Mysticism and Lay Religion
Erasmus of Rotterdam

Section E: The New Monarchies

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 73-77

Key The New Monarchy in England, France, and Spain
Topics The Holy Roman Empire and the Hapsburg Supremacy

Section F: The Protestant Reformation

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 77-92
Justification by Faith- Martin Luther
On the Bondage of the Will- Martin Luther
Institutes of the Christian Religion: Predestination- John Calvin
Men and Ideas in the 16th Century: Patterns in the Reformation- Hillerbrand
The Continental Reformation: A Religious Interpretation- Headley
A Political Interpretation of the Reformation- Elton

Key Luther and Lutheranism
Topics Calvin and Calvinism
The Reformation in England
The Consolidation of Protestantism by 1560

Section G: Catholicism Reformed and Reorganized

Reading Text: Chapter 2, Pages 93-98
The Catholic Reformation- Olin

Key The Council of Trent
Topics The Counter Crusade