

The Renaissance

***«It was the time which
called for giants and
produced giants...”***

Friedrich Engels



**The Renaissance was an
age in which artistic,
social, scientific and
political thoughts turned
in new directions**

*Different inventions and discoveries
played an important role in the
change of the intellectual and moral
attitude of people...*



14-17 century Europe

*In Italy we find Leonardo da Vinci,
Michaelangelo, Rafael.*

*In France – the great Rabelais, in Netherlands
– Erasmus, in Poland – the astronomer
Copernic, in England – Thomas More, Francis
Bacon and William Shakespeare*



BUT WHAT CAUSED THE RENAISSANCE?

□ Magellan, Vasco da Gama, Columbus

- Great geographical discoveries

□ Copernic

- The recognition of Copernican system of astronomy

□ Gutenberg

- The invention of printing

□ Bourgeois (middle class)

- New (middle) class appeared, which changed the economic system



Renaissance

The Elizabethan World

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• Queen Elizabeth I

We call her reign
ELIZABETHAN AGE...

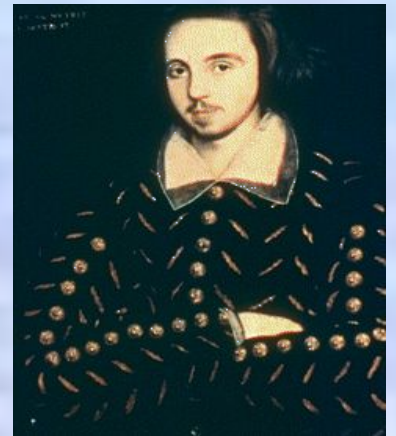
The golden age of
English literature, arts
and theatre.



English literature in the age of the Renaissance.

The English poets and dramatists popularized much of the new learning, they showed the life as it really was.

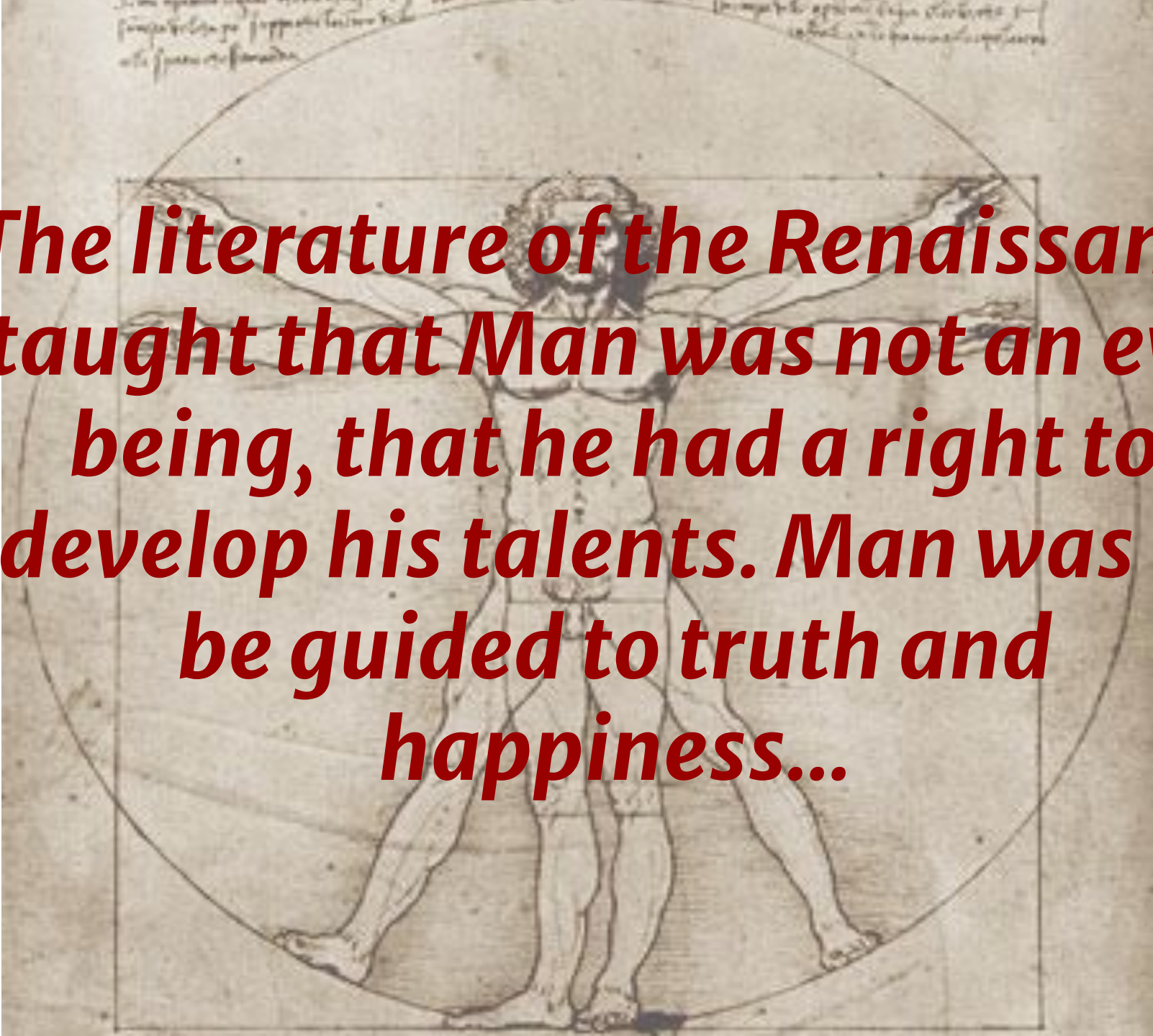
Famous writers of this period are *Thomas More, Christopher Marlowe* and *Edmund Spenser*.



And of course, the GREAT BARD...



- “Sweet Swan of Avon”
- The immortal poet of nature
- “Our pleasant Willy”
- The Great Unknown
- William Shakespeare

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's famous 'Vitruvian Man' drawing. It shows a nude male figure inscribed within a circle and a square, with arms and legs extended to the boundaries. The drawing is in a light, aged ink on parchment-like paper, with some handwritten text visible at the top.

The literature of the Renaissance taught that Man was not an evil being, that he had a right to develop his talents. Man was to be guided to truth and happiness...