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



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





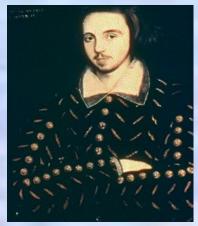
English literature in the age of the Renaissance.

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

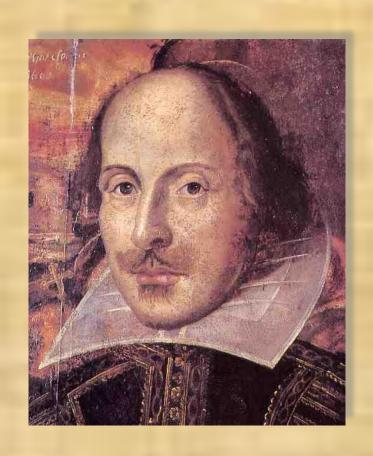
Famous writers of this period are Thomas More, Christopher Marlowe and Edmund Spenser.







And of course, the GREAT BARD...



- "Sweet Swan of Avon"
- The immortal poet of nature
- "Our pleasant Willy"
- The Great Unknown
- WilliamShakespeare

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...