**Key Terms #8 The Renaissance**

1. **Renaissance**-a rebirth of the education and culture of classical Greece and Rome; begins in Italy.
2. **Humanism**-focuses on individual achievement and the worth of human beings.
3. **Patron**-a supporter; the Catholic Church and the de Medici family were patrons of the arts during the Renaissance.
4. **Protestant**-a member of a Christian Church that split from the Catholic Church as a result of the Protestant Reformation.
5. **Martin Luther**-the leader of the Protestant Reformation.
6. **95 Theses**-Martin Luther’s ideas/complaints about the practices of the Catholic Church.
7. **Heliocentric**-sun-centered
8. **Isaac Newton**-discovered natural laws like gravity and the laws of motion.
9. **Galileo**-used a telescope to prove the heliocentric theory.
10. **Copernicus**-proposed the heliocentric theory.
11. **Kepler**-discovered elliptical orbits
12. **Leonardo Da Vinci**-known as the ultimate “Renaissance Man” because he was an artist, scientist, and inventor.
13. **Machiavelli**-wrote a book called “The Prince” advocating ruthless practices to maintain power.
14. **Printing press**-allows books to be printed quickly and ideas to spread.
15. **Rationalism**-the idea that knowledge is based on logic and reason, instead of coming from divine sources or tradition; part of the Scientific Revolution.