

The Renaissance and Reformation

TOPIC SUMMARY

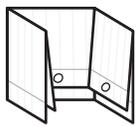
The wealthy urban society of the Italian city-states brought a rebirth of learning and art to Europe called the Renaissance. Leaders in Italian city-states supported talented artists and writers, and Renaissance art and ideas spread from Italy to northern Europe. Martin Luther and other reformers broke from the Catholic Church and began a new Christian movement called Protestantism. This was known as the Reformation. While the Catholic Church attempted to carry out its own reforms in the Counter-Reformation, Catholics and Protestants fought bloody religious wars across Europe.



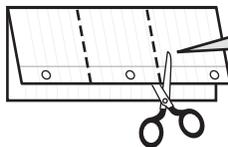
Compare-Contrast This foldable will help students compare and contrast what they learn about the Renaissance and Reformation.

Step 1 Fold a sheet of paper in half from side to side.

Step 2 Turn the paper and fold it into thirds.

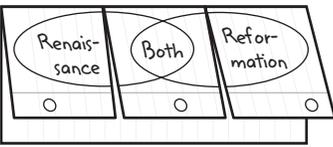


Step 3 Unfold and cut the top layer only along both folds.



This will make three tabs.

Step 4 Label as shown.



Reading and Writing Record important concepts and events under the appropriate tabs. Then record ideas similar to both under the middle tab.

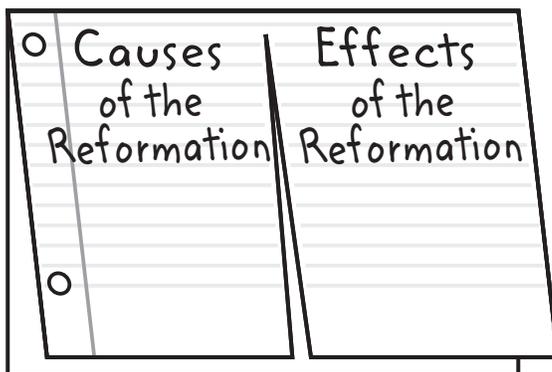
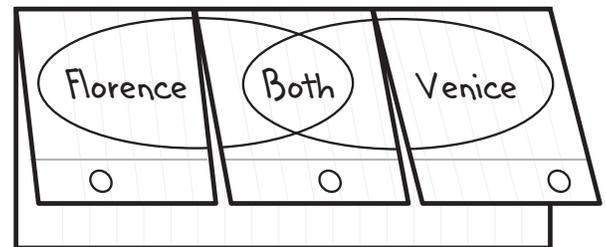
TOPIC ACTIVITY IDEAS

Creating a Poster

Have students create the Study Foldable above, including the Reading and Writing activity. Organize students into small groups. Have them research items in their community that reflect the Renaissance and Reformation. Have the groups use poster board and markers to list items in their community. Then have each group illustrate the list using sketches, photographs, or images from the Internet or print sources.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Students should draw a Venn diagram on their Foldables and label the circles *Florence*, *Both*, and *Venice*. Have students record information that describes both city-states and information that is unique to each one as they read. Have each student select the city-state in which he or she would have most enjoyed living during the Renaissance. Have each student write a story about everyday life and the effects of the Renaissance.



CAUSE AND EFFECT

In Step 2, fold the paper into halves rather than thirds. Then in Step 3, cut the paper to make two tabs. Label the tabs *Causes of the Reformation* and *Effects of the Reformation*. Have students use their textbooks and other sources to identify causes and effects and record them under the appropriate tabs. Have students write two paragraphs identifying what they think was the most significant cause and the most significant effect.

Student Study Tip

Remind students to think before they try to write a personal essay or report. Brainstorming in groups can be especially helpful to produce topics and ideas. Make sure students understand what is being asked of them in their writing assignment. If students are not under a time constraint for their writing, encourage them to write several drafts before writing their final essay.