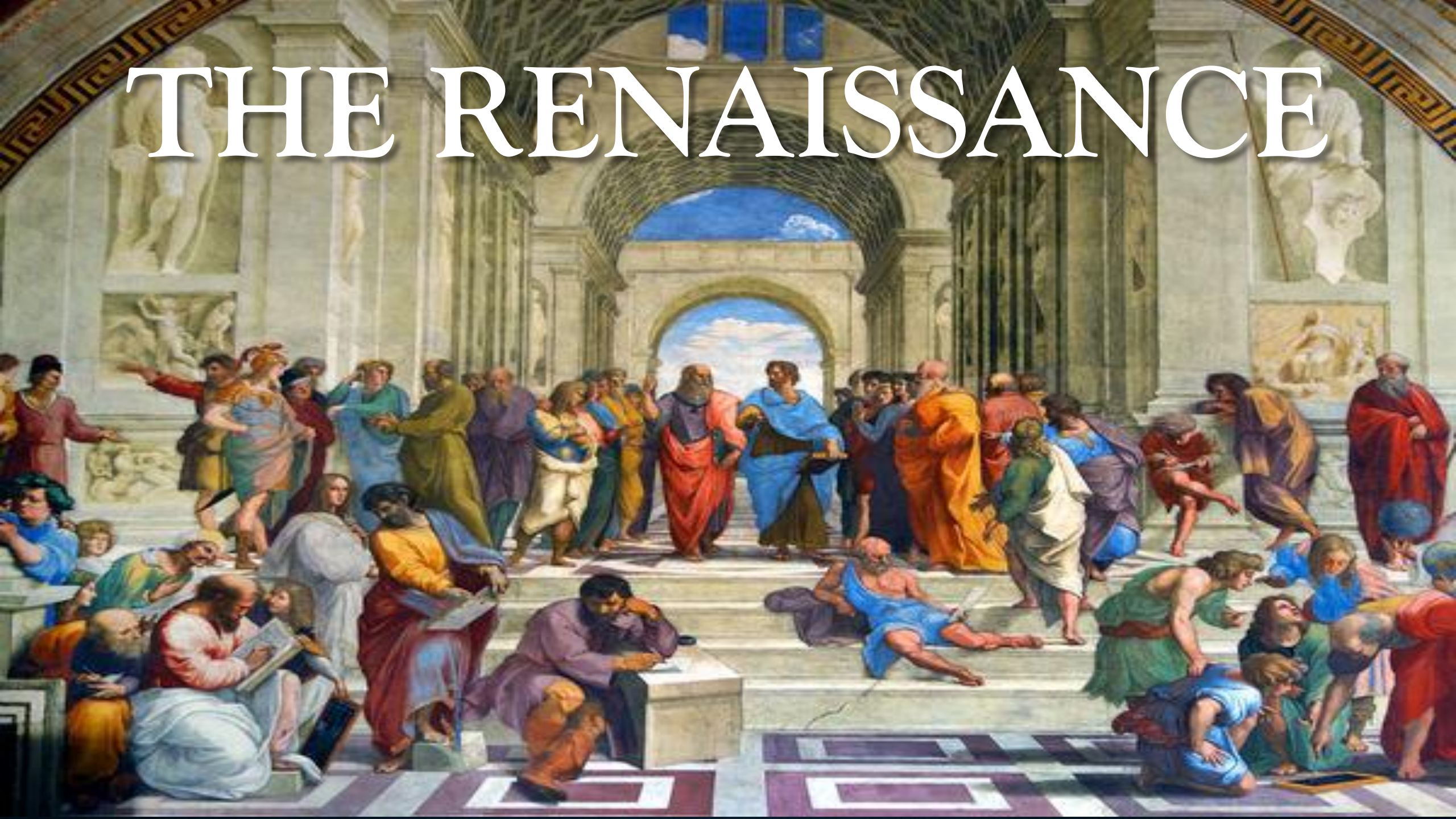


# THE RENAISSANCE



What was the Renaissance and what were some of its major achievements?



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# WHAT WAS THE RENAISSANCE?

Map of Renaissance Italy



- Around 1350, shortly after the Black Death, enthusiasm for art, literature and trade increased throughout northern Italy
- This ‘rebirth’ of knowledge and architecture is called the Renaissance
- People began to look back to what the Greeks and Romans had accomplished
- The Renaissance began in Italy, within a century, this rebirth of knowledge had spread to the rest of Europe

- This was a time of great creativity
- During the Middle Ages, people were very concerned with the next life, however, after the Black Death ravaged Europe, people became more interested in what they could accomplish during this life
- The idea of Humanisms began, or the concern with human interests and values



# WHAT WAS THE RENAISSANCE?





## WHY DID THE RENAISSANCE BEGIN IN ITALY?

- The Renaissance began in Italy, in the city of Florence
- Trade increase, due to the crusades, greatly benefited Italian cities, because of where they were located in the Mediterranean
- By 1400, Florence had become one of the wealthiest cities in Europe
- Travelers from Italy would travel and trade with Asia, Africa, and France



# WHY DID THE RENAISSANCE BEGIN IN ITALY?



# WHO WERE THE MEDICIS AND WHY WERE THEY IMPORTANT?



- One of the wealthiest families in Florence was the Medici family
- They had received their wealth through banking and trading
- Although Florence had become a Republic, the Medici family had risen to power
- Lorenzo Medici came to power in 1469, some people considered him a tyrant





- Lorenzo Medici was a big supporter of the arts, or a patron
- He loved painting, poetry, and the arts
- Lorenzo paid scholars and artists from all over to research and create works of art for Lorenzo
- The city was soon teeming with art and learning
- Some people referred to Lorenzo as “Lorenzo the Magnificent”



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## WHO WERE SOME OF THE GREAT MINDS THAT EMERGED?

- During the 1300s, humanists started to search the Italian countryside for Greek and Roman artifacts
- European scholars and scientists learned from Arab scholars in the city of Baghdad
- As trade increased due to the crusades, knowledge and goods were spread as well
- A Humanist named **Petrarch** reintroduced the works of literature from ancient Greece, Rome, and Arabia



# MICHELANGELO

- Many famous artists emerged during the Renaissance
- Michelangelo used balance and form in his paintings and architecture.
- He spent four years painting the Sistine Chapel, often lying for hours on his back

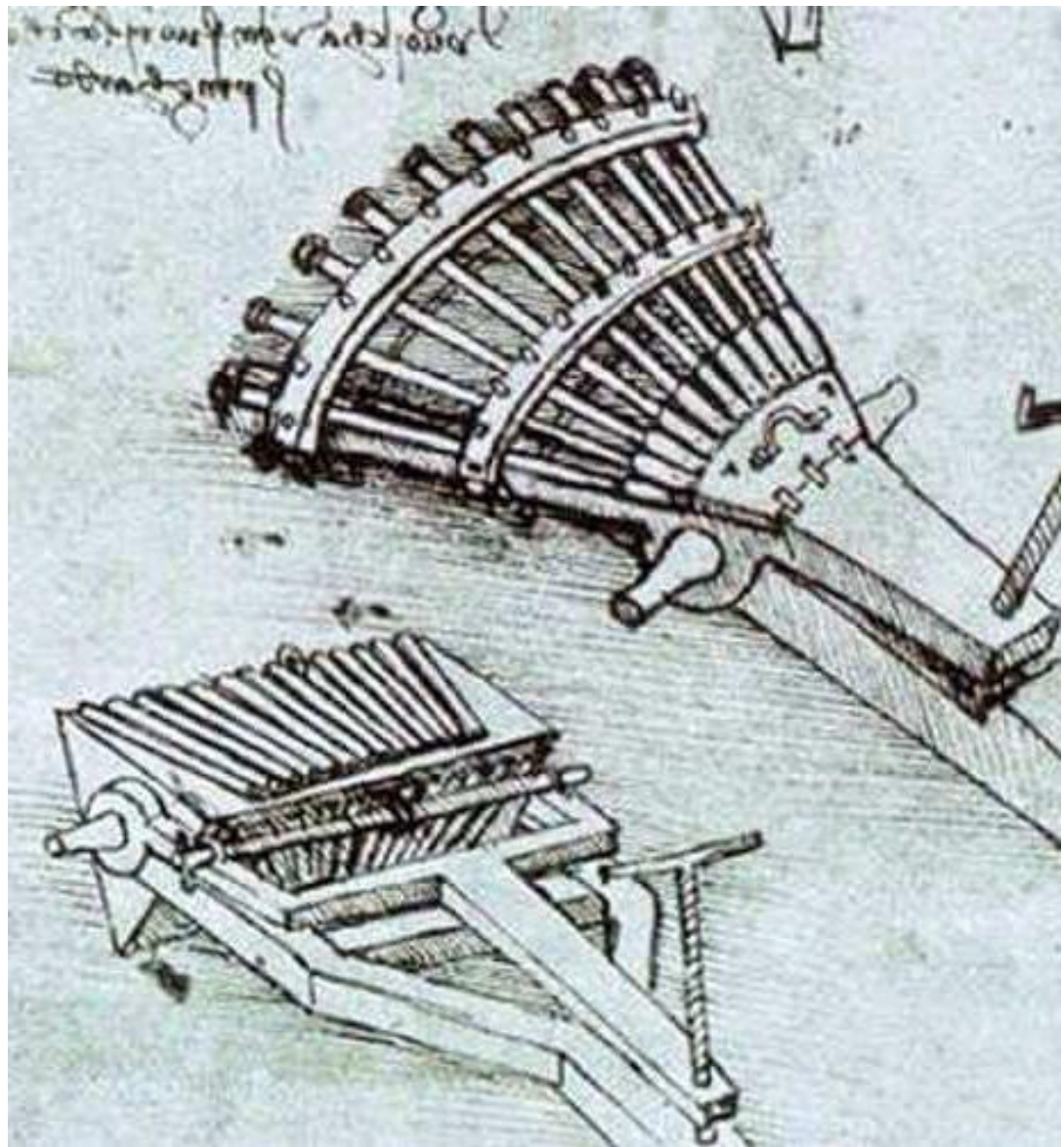


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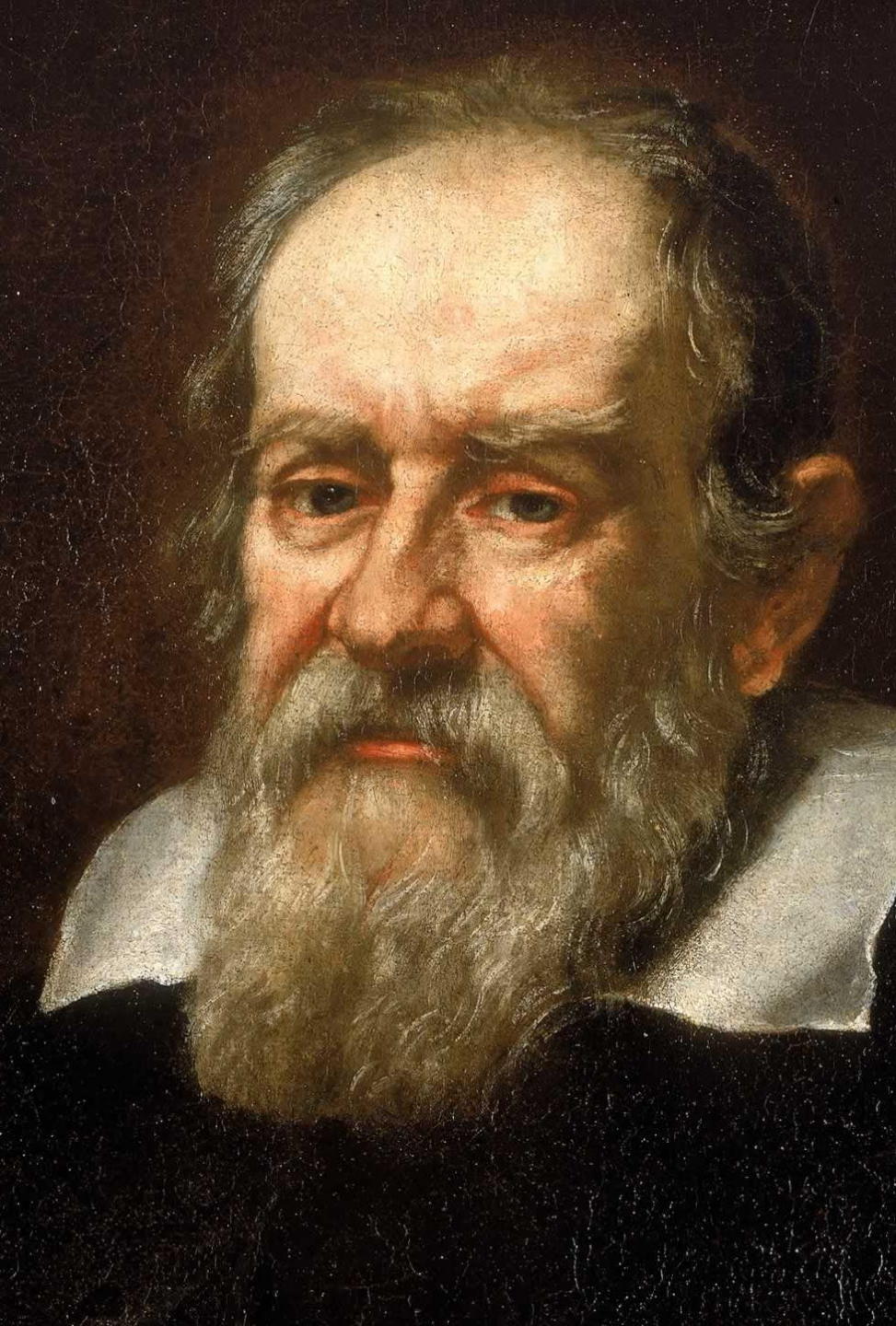


# LEONARDO DA VINCI

- Leonardo da Vinci was a painter, sculptor, architect, engineer, scientist, and musician. He worked for his patron, Lorenzo Medici
  - Leonardo developed ideas for a machine gun, parachute, and flying machine, among other things, his ideas were years ahead of his time

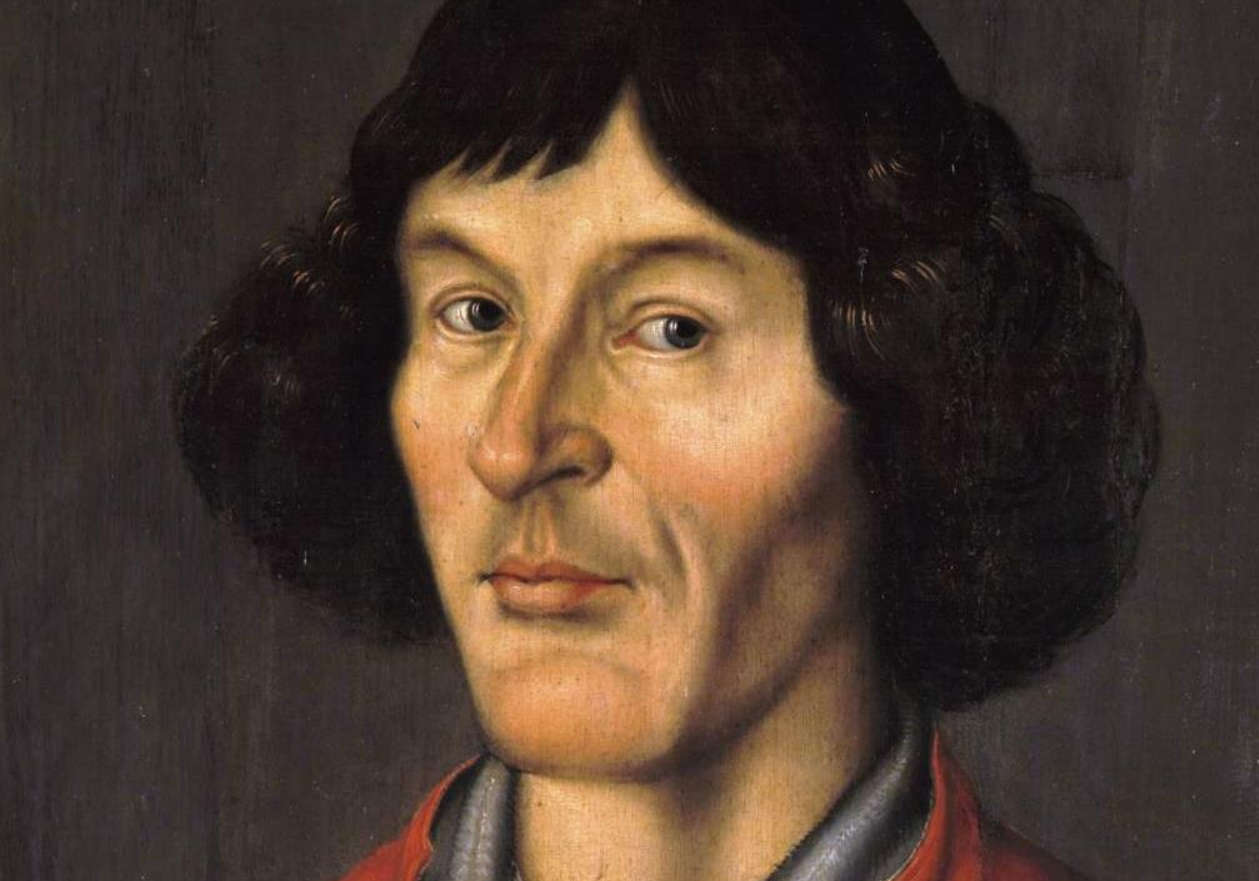






# GALILEO

- (1564-1642): Italian astronomer, physicist and engineer whose pioneering work with telescopes enabled him to describe the moons of Jupiter and rings of Saturn. Placed under house arrest for his views of a heliocentric universe.



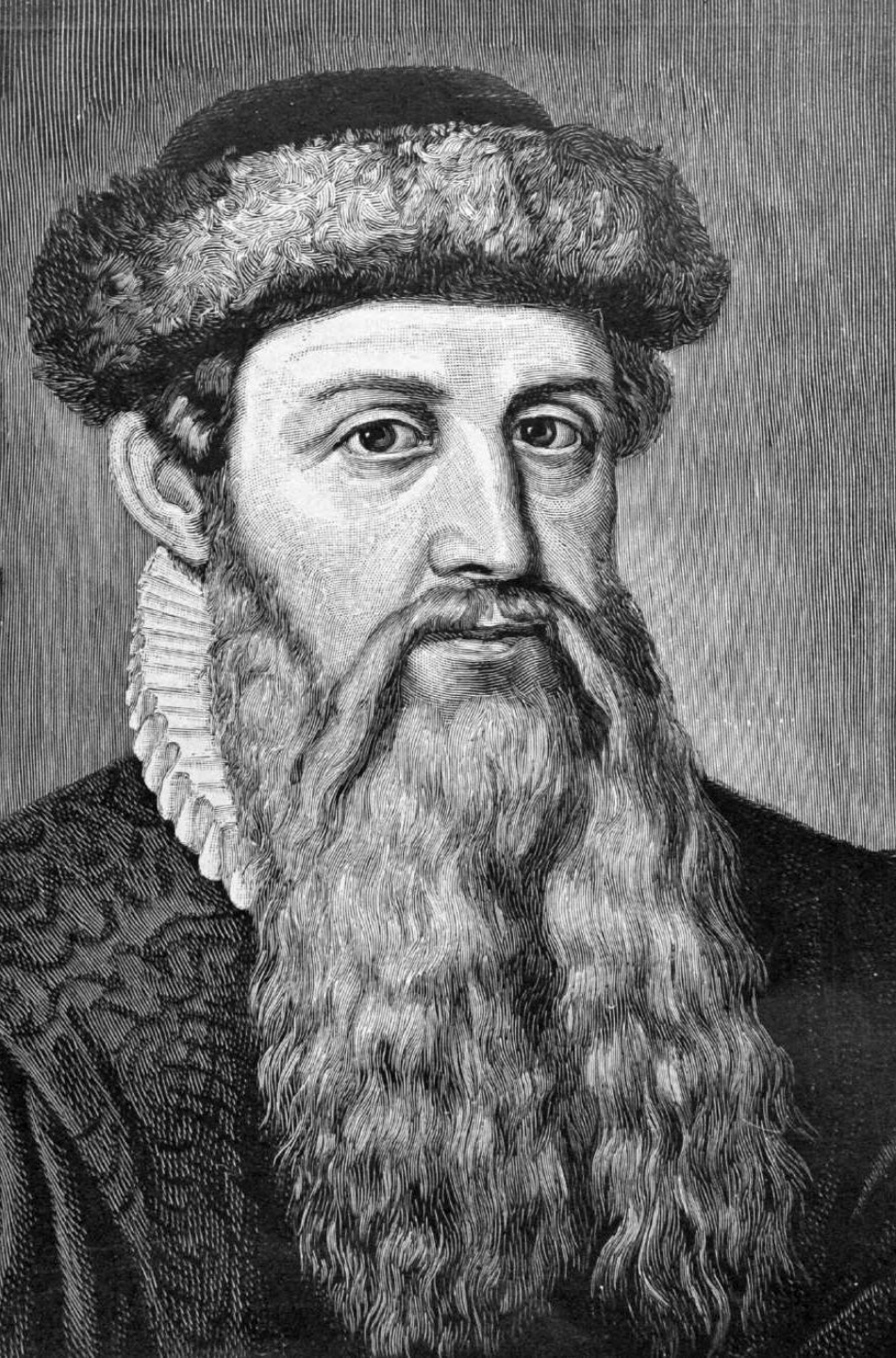
# NICOLAUS COPERNICUS

- Nicolaus Copernicus studied the ideas of the ancient Greeks and Arabs, in 1514 he realized that the Earth seemed to orbit the sun
- He developed the idea of the Heliocentric Universe
- Many people, including church officials, did not accept his idea



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## WHAT WAS THE PRINTING PRESS AND WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT?

- One of the major causes of change during the Renaissance was the invention of the printing press
- Invented in 1440 by German inventor Johannes Gutenberg



- The printing press used moveable type to produce printed material much faster than ever before
- By the 1500s, printing presses had been created throughout Europe, allowing for mass communication



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# WHAT WAS THE PRINTING PRESS AND WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT?



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