Grade Eight Social

Chapter One-Five Writing Assignment

Student Name:

***Essential Question: How did the Renaissance contribute to the origins of the western worldview?***

**Things to Consider:**

Write in complete sentences and paragraphs.

A paragraph is an organizational tool that consists of a complete idea – you could organize your essay using paragraphs for each of the ‘people’ of the fur trade. You organize your essay by having paragraphs on co-operation and competition. You organize your essay by having a paragraph what was happening in different location and time.

Each bocy paragraph should start with **a topic sentence** that tells me how you are going to answer the question.

Your ‘facts’ should answer the question – they must relate to the topic.

You need a thesis. It should be underlined. A thesis is an answer to the main question.

You can use your text book to write your rough draft.

**Ideas for your introduction**

What is the Renaissance? What came before it? (Chpt One) Why did it happen? (Chpt Two) Your thesis is the last sentence in this paragraph.

**Ideas for your main body paragraphs**

1. Humanism (Chpt Three): What is renaissance humanism? How does humanism change the individual? Civics (politics)? Education? Religion? Art/Literature/Architecture?
2. Exchange of New Ideas (Chpt Four): How did the exchange of ideas affect people? How did knowledge spread across Europe? How did science change the way people saw the world? Astronomy? Medicine? Mathematics? Politics? Religion (Reformation)? How did knowledge spread across Europe?
3. Exploration (Chpt Five): How did the renaissance worldview lead to the Age of Exploration? Why did they explore (economic, political, religious reasons)? What roll did technology play?

**Ideas for your conclusion**

What is a worldview (Introduction)? Why did it spread beyond Europe? What effect has the Renaissance world view had on modern thinking, people and society?

**Rough Draft**