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**Unit
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The Renaissance

**Increasing Interactions:
Commerce and Clashes 9**

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

Chapter 4: The Renaissance

• Briefly explain how the Great Famine and the Black Death led to a weakening of the landlords, and an increase in power of the peasants – _____

• Briefly discuss how the weakening of the landlords led to an increase in power of the nobility and growth of states – _____

• Briefly explain how Italy was geographically and politically in the best situation to progress into a new era – _____

• Define: humanism, and describe how this approach differed from the dominant studies of Medieval Europe – _____

• Briefly discuss how merchants and banking families gained power in the Italian city-states, and how they patronized the arts – _____

• Describe the works of the Renaissance as evidence that Europe was progressing into a new era – _____