

7.43 Trace the emergence of the Renaissance, including influence from Moorish (or Muslim) scholars in Spain

The Renaissance

- The Renaissance was a time of renewal
- “Renaissance” means “rebirth” in French
 - Europe was recovering from the harsh life of the Middle Ages and the Black Plague
- People lost faith in the church
- People put more focus on human beings
- Marks the end of the Middle Ages

The Renaissance

- Began in Italy in 1300s
 - Urban societies (not affected by the feudal system)
 - Major trading centers (aka lots of money)
- Secular
 - Moved away from life in the church
 - Focused more on material objects and enjoying life



The Renaissance

- The Moors
 - Muslims who occupied Spain during Middle Ages
 - Added to education and learning that helped spark the Renaissance
 - By 1250, Christians kicked the Moors out of Spain during the Reconquista