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Introduction to the Southern Renaissance

ORAL QUIZ ON THE RENAISSANCE

The points and level of detail given below are those that an upper-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

- 1. Give the approximate time period and the name of the country in which the Renaissance began. *The Renaissance began in the early 1300's in Italy.*
- 2. What does the expression "Renaissance man" mean?

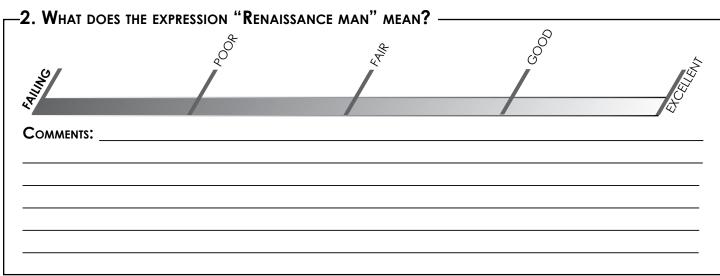
 The expression "Renaissance man" refers to a person who is well-educated, articulate, and skilled at many things, usually including art and science.
- 3. What does the term "realism" mean as it relates to art?

 Realism is an artistic mode, in which artists seek to imitate the way things appear in real life, paying particular attention to proportion and "life-likeness." In a realistic piece of art, objects or people are portrayed exactly or almost like we are used to seeing them.
- 4. Give one example from your studies of an artist who used realism in many of his works. Specifically from the student's readings, Michelangelo, Jan Van Eyck, or Leonardo da Vinci are acceptable answers.
- 5. Name one of the three cities that was a center of Renaissance art. *Any one of the following would be correct: Rome, Venice, Florence.*
- 6. Define the term "patron."

 A patron is a wealthy person or family who financially supports the arts or particular artists by buying and commissioning art work.
- 7. Name the powerful banker and lover of art who started a special school for sculptors in Florence. *Lorenzo de' Medici.*
- 8. Which artist was famous for sculpting such masterpieces as the *Pieta* and *David*? Where did this artist live? *Michelangelo sculpted these works. He lived in Florence, Italy.*
- 9. What was the name of the famous chapel in which this artist beautifully painted its ceiling with various scenes from the Bible?

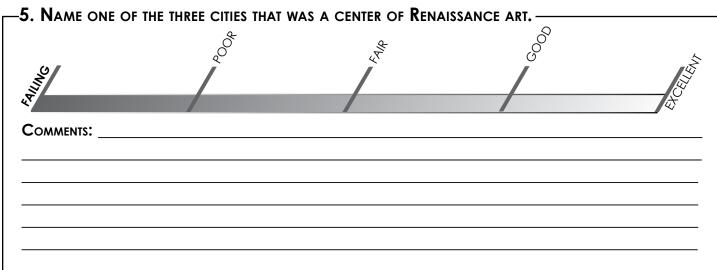
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