

# SOCIAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND

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- ▣ Renaissance means 'rebirth'
- ▣ It was a period of transition in the European history from the Middle age to the Modern age.
- ▣ Renaissance covered the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries of the European history.

- ▣ To a student of History Renaissance would mean breaking of feudalism and birth of new social conditions.
- ▣ To a student of religion, Renaissance would mean new reformations in the religion.
- ▣ To a student of art, renaissance would mean recovery of masterpieces of the ancient world and revived knowledge of Greek and Latin.
- ▣ According to Walter Pater, it is a complex and a well-sided movement.

- ▣ An important invention was the invention of printing press.
- ▣ It was invented by John Guttenberg in 1454 in Germany.
- ▣ The first Latin Bible was printed in 1455.
- ▣ The printing press then was used in Switzerland, France, Austria, Netherland and finally introduced in England in 1476 by William Caxton.
- ▣ Another important invention was the Mariner's compass which enabled sailors to undertake longer voyages.
- ▣ It was welcomed in many parts of Europe.

- ▣ Renaissance started in Italy.
- ▣ The works of Virgil, Ovid, Cicero, Plutarch were translated into English.
- ▣ An important work of the renaissance period is Thomas More's 'Utopia'.
- ▣ It was published in Latin in 1516 and translated into English in 1551.

- ▣ Travel through sea routes started flourishing.
- ▣ Columbus discovered America in 1492.
- ▣ Vasco Da Gama reached Calicut in 1498 through Cape of Good Hope.
- ▣ Magellan reached Philippines through Pacific ocean in 1519.

- ❑ A lot of changes started happening in religion.
- ❑ Translations of Bible took place which helped people to understand it by themselves.
- ❑ This led to people protest against the supremacy of the Pope.
- ❑ People started getting divided on the basis of religion
- ❑ The age of Renaissance also led to the birth of lots of arts and paintings.
- ❑ Medieval gothic style of architecture was replaced by Roman and Greek style.
- ❑ An important architecture of this period is the St. Peter's Basilica which is the largest church in existence with the capacity to hold 80,000 people.
- ❑ Thus Renaissance can be called the shift from the Middle Age to Modernity in Europe.