GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RENAISSANCE

Renaissance means re-birth

It is a period which developed gradually between the 14th and the 17th century.
In the renaissance people feels the necessity to change their values. This brought a renewed interest in classical culture.

Renaissance's features

The Great Chain of Being	*Political changes*	*Humanism*	*"Imitation"*	*Protestant Reformation*
The world is organized into a hierarchical order. God is on the top of this order.	Political's duty is to mantain order int he society. In northern Europe there are national monarchies. In Italy there is a territorial city state.	It derives from the "Humanae Litterae". Man is put in the center of the world.	"Imitation" means following predecessors and indicates the revival of classical literature.	Proposed by Martin Lutero. Against Church 's oppression and suggests a more personal relationship with God . The diffusion of this vision was helped by the printing invention, developed by Johannes Gutenberg.