

THE RENAISSANCE: WORD LIST

- **Wealth** – the state of being rich

The wealth of this person would be enough for the whole nation.

- **Merchant** - one whose occupation is buying goods in large quantities and then selling them for higher prices.

The merchants in the old times travelled for weeks across the seas to buy goods.

- **Stretch** - to lengthen, widen, broaden.

The dog stretched its neck and started barking.

- **Inspiration** – stimulation of the mind or emotions to a high level of feeling or activity.

The poets in the Renaissance period found their inspiration in nature.

- **Re-birth** - a second or new birth; revival; reincarnation.

Christians believe in re-birth after death.

- **Magnificent** - splendid or impressive in appearance; grand.

This palace looks magnificent!

- **Prosperous** - having success; flourishing

His new business is really prosperous, he is making a lot of money.

- **Admire** - to regard with pleasure, wonder, and approval.

I just admire to get letters, I don't admire answer them.

- **Masterpiece** - an outstanding work of art or craft; the greatest work of an artist.

Mona Lisa is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece.

- **Fascinate** - to attract and delight by arousing interest or curiosity.

His stories fascinated me for hour.

- **Spread** - To open to a fuller extent or width; stretch.

A bird spread its wings and flew away.

- **Dawn** - the time each morning at which daylight first begins.

I woke up at dawn and couldn't sleep any more.