

Pico de Mirandola

- What major work did Mirandola write/complete in 1486?
- Did he agree more with Plato or Aristotle in his philosophy?
- According to Mirandola, God created man so that he had what relation to the chain of being?
- What activity or profession did Mirandola claim made man “among the most dignified human creatures”?
- Supposedly, at least, what claim-to-fame as far as reading did Mirandola have?

Medici Family

- The Medici family had a network of *amici degli amici* whom they exploited to “stay ahead.” What does *amici degli amici* translate to in English?
- By 1434 over half of the Medici bank’s revenue came from which “branch”?
- Giovanni de Bicci, a partner of the Medici, banned loans to 2 types of people who were notoriously bad investments; what were the 2 types?
- What prominent position did the bastard son of Lorenzo de Medici’s brother, Giuliano eventually hold?
- At the age of 17, one of the Medicis foiled an assassination of his father. Which Medici protected the pater?

Donatello

- What was Donatello’s real name?
- Vasari (a contemporary writer) described the character portrayed in one of Donatello’s statues as “consumed by fastings and abstinence.” Which statue was he talking about?
- Was Donatello primarily a sculptor or painter?
- In his sculpting of the high altar at Padua, what two saints stand beside the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus?

Botticelli

- Botticelli’s real name was Alessandro Di Mariano Filipepi. What does his nickname Botticelli mean?
- From what city did Botticelli come?
- During his youth, Botticelli was apprenticed to what kind of a craftsman before becoming the pupil of a painter?
- Botticelli’s painting shows the influence of the Pollaiuolo brothers. What profession(s) were these brothers trained in?
- Botticelli’s pagan-themed paintings draw on images from what country’s mythology?

Gutenberg

- Early printing used what method to transfer the ink to the paper?
- The production of Gutenberg's Bible was completed around what year?
- According to legal papers, Gutenberg was involved in a partnership to produce what item used by pilgrims?
- The type in Gutenberg Bible resembles what frequently used script?
- Overall, how many lines of text appear on each page of the Gutenberg Bible?
- Are all 48 of the surviving copies of the Gutenberg Bible identical?