



Girl Scouts of Central Indiana

Renaissance Times Badge

Renaissance is a French name for rebirth or new beginning. This was a time when math, science, social science and politics took off in a new direction of understanding. Many inventors were able to share their creative ideas, thus the birth of new inventions. A new style of art became famous at this time as well. Learn what it was like to live in the times of Robin Hood and Romeo and Juliette.

To earn this badge you must complete six of the following activities.

1. Why was the Renaissance times called the rebirth times? Find out about a new invention during these times and who invented it. Why was the invention important to the economic growth?
2. Find out about a famous artist from the Renaissance times. Who was the artist and what was he/she famous for?
3. Name the three classes of people represented during this time period. Where would you fit in if you lived during the Renaissance period?
4. Watch a movie, attend a play or attend a faire that represents this era. How was the way the language spoken different from the way you speak today? How did the people greet each other? Did they greet different class of people differently? Who was a famous play writer of this time?
5. The clothing worn told a lot about the people in those times. What type of clothing did people wear during this time? Could you tell who was from a royal family by the way they dressed? What did the colors worn represent?

6. Did the people play sports during this time? If so, what type of sports did they play? How was the sports play then similar to the sports you play today?
7. What did people do for fun?
8. A popular game played by children was Ring A Round the Rosie. This game was played to represent a terrible thing that was happening during this time. What tragic happened and what caused it? Have you ever played this game for fun? Now that you know what the song is about say the words and explain what they mean?
9. What type of food did the people eat at this time? Did poor people eat different food from the rich? What was the main food staple that the poor ate? How did they make the meals interesting and tasty?
10. Who is Robin Hood? What did he do? Was he good or bad?

Resources for Renaissance Times Badge

Web sites

www.rscds-twincities.org/costumes.html

www.rameset.com/heraldry.htm

www.historyforkids.org/learn/medieval/index.htm

www.learner.org/exhibits/renaissance/middleages.html

www.realarmorofgod.com/renaissance-era.html

www.bellaonline.com/Site/renaissance

www.renfaire.com

www.fishersrenfaire.com

Faires and Event in the state of Indiana

Metea Renaissance Faire, 8401 Union Chapel Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46845

5 miles east of I-69 on State Route 1 North of Fort Wayne, IN.

Theme: A village festival in late Medieval and early Renaissance time, 1350-1550

Food and beverages may be brought in; no alcohol

No same day re-admission

The Fishers Renfaire, 13400 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN 46038

Conner Prairie is located in Fishers, Indiana, just six miles north of

Indianapolis on Allisonville Road (exit 5 from Interstate 69). parking is on site and parking is free.

Theme: 16th Century England

Books

Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood

Cathedral or Castle, David Macaulay

Movies

Robin Hood- Men in Tights

Romeo and Juliette – Shakespeare

Much Ado About Nothing – Shakespeare

A Midsummer Night's Dream – Shakespeare

As You Like It – Shakespeare

Hamlet – Shakespeare

Clubs

Check local high schools and colleges to get volunteer speakers from Shakespearean club.