



Girl Scouts of Central Indiana

Renaissance Times Try-It

Renaissance is a French name for rebirth or new beginning. This was a time when math and science took off in a new direction of understanding. 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 try-it you must complete four of the following activities.

1. Why was the Renaissance times called the rebirth times?
2. Check out a book from your library on the Renaissance times. This could be a story about the period, an artist, or inventor from that time. What was the name of the book? What is one thing that you learned from the book?
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Did the people play sports during this time? If so, what type of sports did they play?
6. What did people do for fun?
7. 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 happened during this time that killed half of the population in Europe? What caused this illness? Have you ever played this game for fun?

8. What type of food did the people eat at this time? Did poor people eat different food from the rich?
9. Who is Robin Hood? What did he do?

Resources for Renaissance Times Try-It

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 events 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 Shakespearian club.