Renaissance Web Quest

Use the links below to help you answer the questions on your Web quest through the Renaissance.

Essential Question: Why is the Renaissance considered a turning point by many historians?
I. Click on this link and answer the questions below it:

Read the “Background” paragraph.

1. What time period did the Renaissance come after?

2. What were 3 areas in which Renaissance achievements were made?
   1)________________________
   2)________________________
   3)________________________

3. In which country did the Renaissance begin?

Read the “Humanism” paragraph.

4. How was the focus during the Renaissance different than during the Middle Ages?
Middle Ages focused on ____________________________________________

Renaissance humanists focused on ____________________________________

5. Which ancient classical civilizations did the humanists study?

6. Humanists also stressed the importance of the ________________________.

Read the “Art and Architecture” paragraph.

7. What did using “perspective” in art allow Renaissance artists to do?

8. What kinds of Roman and Greek architecture did Renaissance architects use?
   1) __________________
   2) __________________
   3) __________________

Read the “Artists” paragraph.

9. Who was Leonardo Da Vinci? _______________________________________

Read the “Literature” paragraph.

10. Who was the most famous writer of the Renaissance? _________________

Extra Credit: Name 2 plays by this writer (hint-you may Google his name for help!)

1) ________________________________________________________________

2) ________________________________________________________________

II. Click on this link and answer the questions below it:

http://www.mrdowling.com/704renaissance.html

11. What is the word “Renaissance” French for? ________________________
12. Why do historians think the Renaissance is so important? (hint…this goes along with your Essential Question!!!)

13. Above is the Mona Lisa, by Leonardo Da Vinci, this is probably the most famous painting in the world!!! Write down 3 things you notice about her and her surroundings.
Leonardo Da Vinci was a real “Renaissance Man”, meaning that he was an expert in many different fields. Many of his achievements came in science and inventions. Click on 2 of the inventions shown and fill out #15 and #16 on reverse:

14. Invention #1 __________________________ What do you think it was used for?

15. Invention #2 __________________________ What do you think it was used for?

IV. Click on the link below and answer the questions:
http://www.learner.org/interactives/renaissance/printing.html

16. What was the importance of the printing press?

V. Click on the link below and answer the questions
http://www.learner.org/interactives/renaissance/middleages_sub.html
17. Why was the middle class important?

18. Where was the center of the Renaissance, why was it important?