**Assignment 1-1**

Italy: Birthplace of the Renaissance

**Main Ideas**

1. What are some of the characteristics of the “Renaissance Man” and “Renaissance Woman”
2. How did Italy’s cities help to make it the birthplace of the Renaissance?
3. What was the attitude of Church leaders and the wealthy towards the arts? Why?
4. Why was it important that writers begin their writing in the vernacular?
5. How did humanism influence renaissance ideas?