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- Renaissance (1450-1600) means "rebirth". Great artistic advances = "humanism" = art, philosophy, literature, centered on man rather than God; live and accomplishments on earth rather than heaven or hell
- Influences:
 - rediscovery of Greek and Roman sculpture with proportions accurately reproduced
 - ancient literature and philosophy (Plato and Aristotle) = Greek tragedies and poems portraying man's struggle against a fate ordained by destiny = Renaissance art
 - harmony and balance = artists rearrange landscapes to make nature suit their ideals
 - architecture = domes rather than Gothic spires
- Renaissance music different from Middle Ages in one important way = overall sound smoother and more blended; change was because of changes in composition techniques; independent lines of Middle Ages polyphony replaced by new style based on imitation = parts overlap (round)
- Early Renaissance = merging of individual European areas into one international style of music

We will do Renaissance on Wednesday, October 03, 2012.

Exam = Monday, October 01, 2012 (5:30pm) over Elements and Middle Ages