Due on May 5th

Discuss the Reformation and describe how the Renaissance was a time of renewal and advancement in Europe after the Black Plague and disease destroyed half of the population. So this lead to the rise of individualism challenged traditional western authority and belief systems resulting in a variety of new institutions, philosophical and religious ideas, and cultural and social achievements.

Describe the contributions or accomplishments of the following individuals during the Renaissance/Reformation era, pick at least 3 if you have more than 3 members pick a different person so each of you has a different person to research which will help you answer the questions below.
a.   Leonardo da Vinci                h.   Desiderius Erasmus
b.   Michelangelo                        i.    Gian Francesco Poggio Bracciolini
c.   Raphael                                j.    Francesco Petrarch

d.   Machiavelli                           k.   Sir Thomas More
e.   Gutenberg                            l.    Plato
f.    Medici                                  m.  Aristotle
g.   Leonardo Bruni,                   n.   Socrates

o. Martin Luther

Please research and write up your findings into an Informational Essay that addresses the following questions how did this person influence either one or more of these areas listed below:

a.    rebirth of Greek and Roman ideas

b.    new ideas and products as a result of trade

c.    the arts

d.    science