1300 – 1600

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Renaissance timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Early Renaissance in Italy**
In the wealthy city-states of northern Italy — Florence, Venice, and Siena — a revival of interest in ancient Greek and Roman culture begins to reshape art and learning.

☐ **The Medici Dominate Florence**
Cosimo de' Medici and his banking family take control of Florence and become the leading patrons of Renaissance art and learning.

☐ **The Reformation Begins**
Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses criticizing the Catholic Church; the printing press spreads his arguments across Europe within weeks.

☐ **Brunelleschi and Linear Perspective**
Florentine architect Filippo Brunelleschi discovers the rules of linear perspective, allowing painters to represent depth on a flat surface.

☐ **Petrarch — Father of Humanism**
Italian poet Petrarch revives interest in classical Roman literature and champions the study of human experience over purely religious scholarship.

☐ **Gutenberg Prints the Bible**
Johannes Gutenberg produces the first book printed with movable type — making books far faster and cheaper to produce.

☐ **Leonardo da Vinci**
Leonardo paints the Last Supper and the Mona Lisa, and fills thousands of notebook pages with scientific observations and inventive designs.

☐ **Copernicus and the Solar System**
Nicolaus Copernicus publishes his theory that the Earth orbits the Sun — not the other way around.

☐ **Shakespeare**
English playwright William Shakespeare writes Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and dozens of other plays and sonnets in London.

☐ **Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel**
Michelangelo spends four years on his back painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

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1543	9.	Copernicus and the Solar System
~1590–1613	10.	Shakespeare