

European Wise Guys:

Name	Sir Thomas More
Nationality	English
Life Span:	57 years (1478 to 1535)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	<i>Utopia, Dialogue Concerning Heresies, Religious Polemics About Catholic Church</i>
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Highlighted societal issues, Catholic Martyr
Impact	Sir Thomas More did not accept the English Church's split from the Catholic Faith or the Protestant Reformation; he was executed for his resistance. More also wrote the book <i>Utopia</i> , regarded by some as serious conjecture of a possible better future and a source of inspiration for some Socialist or Communist scholars, and regarded by others as a satire of European politics or an impossible dream; the latter cites <i>Utopia</i> coming from the Greek for 'not place' and thus being impossible.
Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	Saddening is the folly of society. As I am to be executed, I will die the humble servant of the Church and of God. I pity the fools who hath conceived such a decision. They are without proper guidance, and shall suffer in the next life.

Name	Erasmus
Nationality	Dutch
Life Span:	69 years (1466 to 1536)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	<i>The Praise of Folly Adagia Handbook of a Christian Knight The Education of Children Erasmus Against War</i>
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Linguist, Translated/Edited Bible, many writings
Impact	Erasmus was a Renaissance scholar who edited the New Testament and produced numerous literary works. He produced educational writings, satirical writings, and he studied historical texts. He encouraged Catholic reform and criticized Church abuses. His writings likely contributed to the Protestant Reformation.

Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	It has become apparent, during my research in translating the Bible, that as our flock grows, it is necessary to provide certain securities to maintain the sanctity of the Church. Reform is necessary if we are to teach and grow.
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Name	Albrecht Durer
Nationality	German
Life Span:	56 years (1471-1528)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	<i>Self Portrait, Praying Hands, Young Hare</i>
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Self-portrait styles, engravings, woodcuts, introduced classical motifs, early European landscape artist
Impact	Durer had extensive knowledge of Italian art, and helped to popularize certain styles in the Northern Renaissance.
Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	A man must look to himself sometimes, and paint himself, to gain better understanding before he may paint the vastness of the beauty around him. Man must be creative, and learn to express himself and anything through anything, be it paint or wood or anything else.

Name	Pieter Brueghel
Nationality	Dutch (Flemish)
Life Span:	44 years (most likely born 1525, died 1569)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	Parable of the Sower, Battle in the Bay of Naples, Children’s Games, Netherlandish Proverbs, the Fight Between Carnival and Lent
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Made everyday life and landscapes more popular
Impact	Brueghel is known for his contributions to the arts, known for his inventiveness, creativity, and boldness. He painted even the common man, and landscapes and scenes not done before.
Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	We must look past the glory of God and the richness of the nobility in our expressions of inner thought. In our art, we must show what we see and what we feel. The common man is as significant as the rich man.

Name	Johannes Gutenberg
Nationality	German
Life Span:	68 years (1400-1468)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	Printing Press, Gutenberg Bible, Movable Type
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Johannes Gutenberg is most known for bringing printing and the printing press to the mainstream in Europe. He introduced adjustable molds, movable type for mass production, and the system he developed for mass printing.
Impact	The printing press enabled literature to reach the masses, and more and more of the common folk became literate. The Bible also spread, and people had greater knowledge of religion, and as such, were under less control from the Church. This also contributed to the growth of a class more in between lower and upper, what would become the middle class.
Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	Before, one had to write copies of books by hand. Now, even the poorest man may read any number of books that are mass produced by the printing press I have devised.

Name	Michel Montaigne
Nationality	French
Life Span:	59 years (1533 to 1592)
Specific Contributions: (literary works, artistic achievements, philosophical, essays, etc)	<i>Essays of Michel Montaigne</i>
Significance to Field of Expertise:	Popularized Essay, wheel argument
Impact	Michel de Montaigne had a unique style of writing, littered with his personal thoughts and tangents. He wrote purely on how he saw the world and the

	thoughts that occurred to him as he wrote. He helped to popularize the essay, a common form of writing today.
Reflection (become the personality profiled on this sheet and write a short narrative – no more than 50 words reviewing career and contributions. remember perspective)	Perhaps it is best in writing to let more of one's own thoughts shine through, to inspire further thinking and talk. We must question ourselves, and argue amongst ourselves, for progress to occur.