The publications of works by classical Roman authors like Cicero help generate the Renaissance.

Printers reintroduce Greek epics to early modern readers.

Jacobus Angelus translates Ptolemy, distributing the ancient Greek geographer's work.

Pliny's National History provides an encyclopedic perspective into ancient Roman life.

Ancient Greek drama inspires Gian Giorgio Trissino to innovate in form, content, and style.

Dante's vision of hell, purgatory, and heaven is a masterpiece of Western literature.

Printed translations of Ibn Sina brings Arabic medicine to Europe.

The Age of Exploration results in a book of sixteenth century cartography on the Americas.

Galileo Galilei discovers sunspots.

Galileo Galilei
espouses
heliocentricism,
which leads to his
questioning by the
Inquisition.

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The Elixir of Life is a medieval concept that a potion could grant eternal life.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered the greatest cartographer of the Italian school.

The tradition of commedia dell'arte continues into the eighteenth century in Italy.

Milan enjoys a rise in culture following the plague that decimated the city in the seventeenth century.

Guiseppe Parini is an example of a Neoclassical author.

Giovanni Gherardo di Rossi is a playwright, poet, and minister of finance.

Giampietro
Vieusseux founds
the oldest still
operating journal
of Italian history.

Italy continues to be the most important destination in the British grand tour. Giacomo Leopardi is one of the most prolific poets of Italian Romanticism.

Tuscan Italian becomes the language of the Italian nation after unification.