

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RENAISSANCE AND MEDIEVAL AGE:

The term “middle ages” was used by Italian historians in the 15th and 16th centuries. The culture at that time was similar to that of ancient Rome and Greek but different from the time between the fall of Rome and that time this period was later replaced by the Renaissance period and has been described as a period of rebirth where ancient techniques were revived and new ones developed leading to more success in the art industry.

The medieval ages was considered a period of ignorance, barbarism and superstition. This period was called the dark ages due to the negative practices involved, but scholars saw the period differently stating that the history was a continuous process from biblical times to their times. Most of them wrote about battles, feudalism, crusades, manorialism, kings and emperors, rise of towns’ universities and churches (Hanawalt, 1998). Representation of arts during this period were modestly scaled with little creativity because artists did their work collectively and mainly for religious purposes. There was no competition in the art industry and traditional techniques were used to design objects. Arts was used to spread religion in Europe and throughout other parts of the world and was viewed as a mere utilitarian objects which did not have much value.

The Renaissance was a historical Arts period that led to the abandonment of the middle ages practice (Zirpolo, 2008). The Artist abandoned the middle Ages representations which were modestly scaled for monument images that reflected their abilities.

From innovation advancement to grand masterpieces the Middle Ages and Renaissance period were pivotal period in our history that today greatly recognizable and inspiring captivation of humanity. The middle Ages and Renaissance period, displaying a striking portrayal of individualism versus community. The 'dark' time of the medieval period resulted in the expansion of knowledge and ideas know as Renaissance period.

I t is amazing how significantly various aspects of society can and will change over a prolonged period of time. Between the time periods of the medieval era and the Renaissance, one can note numerous significant changes, mainly those pertaining to Art and Religion. In general, ideas and subjects during the Renaissance became more secular. In medieval times, people seemed to focus mainly on church, God and the afterlife whereas during Renaissance, the focus was more secular: humans and life on earth.