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Unlocking the Renaissance: A Journey into the Past

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Patronage of the arts involved wealthy individuals or families providing financial support and encouragement to artists and intellectuals, enabling them to focus on their creative work. It was important because it allowed artists to create masterpieces without being solely reliant on their own resources.
2. The Renaissance challenged traditional beliefs about the universe through the work of figures like Copernicus and Galileo, who proposed heliocentrism (the idea that the Earth revolved around the sun), contrary to the geocentric model. This laid the foundation for modern astronomy.
3. One significant advancement in science during the Renaissance was the development of the scientific method, a systematic approach to inquiry and experimentation.
4. Cultural exchange during the Renaissance facilitated the exchange of ideas, goods, and technologies between Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, enriching European culture with new influences and perspectives.

