

Renaissance Routes Answer Key

1. Florence's inland location placed it along major trade routes, allowing merchants to exchange goods and ideas that supported learning and creativity.
2. Venice's location on islands in the Adriatic Sea helped it control long-distance sea routes and trade with regions to the east.
3. Geography supported intellectual exchange and allowed the growth of art and learning in Florence.
4. Geography supported sea trade, which brought wealth that funded art, architecture, and exploration in Venice.
5. Both cities used their locations to build wealth and spread ideas, showing that geographic position can influence culture and historical development.
6. Answers will vary but should reference trade routes, sea access, or the ability to exchange ideas.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose

- Strengthen understanding of how geography shaped major Renaissance cities.
- Support critical thinking and text analysis for grades 8 to 10.
- Reinforce bolded terms such as **Florence**, **Venice**, and **Renaissance**.

Instructional Tips

- Read the passage aloud as a class to ensure comprehension.
- Encourage students to underline phrases that explain why each city was influential.
- Discuss the difference between inland and coastal trade routes before beginning the questions.
- Remind students to use evidence from the text when supporting their answers.