Possible Renaissance/Reformation Main Lesson Topics:

1. The geography of Italy (review from Roman history) with emphasis on its relationship to Eastern trade and its close proximity to the Ottoman Empire
2. The plague
3. The demise of feudalism and the growth of the cities
4. The printing press
5. Introduction of gun powder as a weapon
6. Jean d’ Arc
7. Dante’ and the Divine Comedy
8. Petrarch, the first modern man
9. Rise of “Humanism”
10. Rise of the merchant class/bankers
11. The Medici’s and Florence (especially Lorenzo)
12. Role of the Guilds
13. Italian states- character and location of each
14. Michaelangelo (Pope Julius II)
15. Leonardo (Sforza of Milan)
16. Raphael
17. The art of the Southern and Northern Renaissance
18. Birth of Perspective drawing and other artistic methods
19. Savonarola, the role of the Catholic Church
20. Martin Luther, the Reformation and other reformers
21. Age of the Monarchs
22. Ferdinand and Isabella, the defeat of the Moors
23. Reference to the impact of the Explorers and their discoveries on the lives and countries of Europe
24. The Spanish Inquisition (others)
25. The French Monarchy
26. The Holy Roman Emperor
27. Henry VIII
28. Elizabeth I (Mary, Queen of Scots)
29. Shakespeare
30. Renaissance Astronomers (Copernicus, Galileo, Tyco Brahe, Kepler)
31. You could also travel East and bring the Renaissance of Buddhism, as well.

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