

Renaissance Writers Quiz

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	Erasmus		6. <i>Hamlet</i>	F. First work of political science, instruction manual for the Prince to do what is necessary to stay in power and obtain stability.
	Boccaccio		7. <i>The Canterbury Tales</i>	G. Story written in the vernacular (Italian) that tells the story of a man's journey through heaven and hell.
	Machiavelli		8. <i>In Praise of Folly</i>	H. Written in 1353, it is a collection of novellas (stories) that demonstrate life and many of the Renaissance attitudes.

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