Renaissance Values (“isms”)

Humanism-

* Belief that “the human being is the measure of all things”
* People and their activities are important and interesting
* \* people who are **not** Humanists see the human being as insignificant… place more value on God

Individualism-

* Think it right to be themselves, think for themselves
* Still member of groups (church, families etc), but their own ideas and activities gave them a sense of who they really were

Skepticism-

* Having a questioning attitude
* Seen as a good thing to experiment, try new things and shake up the system

Secularism-

* Means worldliness or a belief in the importance of this life on earth
* Secular activities include: making money, traveling, making your house comfortable (praying is NOT)
* Spirit of the Renaissance was more secular than religious

Classicism-

* Ren. People valued classicism
* Interested in the classical age, time of Greeks and Romans
* Time when people were also secular, individualistic, humanistic, and questioning