

THE RENAISSANCE CITY

Culver Academies

Students who participate in this educational and cultural trip to Spoleto, Italy will experience the world of the Renaissance city in situ while examining its origins and outcomes. We will observe not only how this community defined itself through architecture, art, literary excerpts, and the philosophy of humanism; but also observe how the city continues to support and define the modern communities that built upon it. In this ten day interdisciplinary Humanities course, and starting with the Renaissance understanding of humanism and the dictum "Man is the measure of all things", students will explore the relation between city and individual by studying and experiencing the sites, architecture, art, philosophy, and history of the Renaissance world. Students will use Spoleto and the other cities visited (Siena, Orvieto, Florence, Rome, Assisi) as their classrooms, preparing and presenting work on the sites visited as well as pursuing individual writing projects. Because this trip is an educational and cultural immersion experience, 1/2 Humanities credit will be awarded for successful participation. Final grades will be based on a combination of critical thinking, openness to new experiences, adherence to course and trip goals, and good citizenship.