Sources for Primary Texts

We will be reading selections from a number of primary texts throughout the semester, and all of them are easily accessible on the internet. Below is a list of suggested web sites where you can access this material. Please note that other texts may be added to this list as we go through the semester.

Sofonisba Anquisola – Painter

http://members.efn.org/~acd/vite/VasariLombardy4.html

Baldesare Castiglione – *The Book of the Courtier*

http://www.luminarium.org/renascence-editions/courtier/courtier.html

Boccaccio – defense of poetry

http://www.humanistictexts.org/boccaccio.htm

Desiderius Erasmus – *Praise of Folly*

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1509erasmus-folly.html

Lorenzo Ghiberti – Sculptor (in part two of Vasari’s Lives)

http://members.efn.org/~acd/vite/VasariGhiberti.html

Henry Howard, earl of Surrey – Poetry

http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/henrybib.htm

Nicolo Machiavelli – *The Prince*

http://www.constitution.org/mac/prince00.htm
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/machiavelli-prince.html

Nicolo Machiavelli – *History of Florence: Lorenzo de Medici*

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/machiavelli-histflo-lorenzo.html

Masaccio – Painter

http://members.efn.org/~acd/vite/VasariMasaccio.html
Pico della Mirandola – *Oration on the Dignity of Man*

http://public.wsu.edu/~brians/world_civ/worldcivreader/world_civ_reader_1/pico.html

Sir Thomas More – *Utopia*

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/thomasmore-utopia.html
http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/texts/more/utopia-contents.html

Francesco Petrarch – *Assent of Mount Ventoux*

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/petrarch-ventoux.html

Francesco Petrarch – Selections from his poetry and letters

http://www.humanistictexts.org/petrarch.htm

Francois Rabelais – Gargantua’s letter to his son, Pantagreul, concerning his education:

http://www.historyguide.org/intellect/rabelais.html

Shakespeare – *Much Ado About Nothing*

http://www.cs.usyd.edu.au/~matty/Shakespeare/texts/comedies/muchadoaboutnothing_0.html
http://www-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/much_ado/index.html

Shakespeare’s Sonnets

http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Troy/4081/Sonnets.html

Georgio Vassari – *Lives of the Artists*

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/vasari/vasari-lives.html

Vesalius

http://vesalius.northwestern.edu/flash.html

Sir Thomas Wyatt – Poetry

http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/wyattbib.htm