



Narrator: There are many similarities between the renaissance in Italy and the renaissance in the Northern countries. However, there was a flavor in the arts that was distinctly different in the Northern countries. Certainly, the emphasis on portraiture pertained humans in a naturalistic manner and the reflection of the concern for the individual is a commonality that's found in the arts of the Northern countries and Italy during the Renaissance.

Like Italy, cutting-edge visual arts could be found in the depiction of religious subject matter. Certainly, the tenets of linear perspective for shortening and atmospheric perspective were also applied in the Northern Renaissance visual arts. Acapella and polyphonic compositions were generally favored by composers, just like they were in Italy, however, these similarities would probably not make their way into a juicy gossip column. It is the differences that make the Northern Renaissance interesting and noteworthy.

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