American Revolution

The renaissance epoch in history refers to re-birth. It was a period of reformation of culture to the ideals of community. People were tired of the war, living in fear, suffering from famine; they were looking to the Ancient Rome and Greece as the examples of civilized, wealthy societies. The movement evolved, and the goals of education faced its basic reformations.

This time of change started in Italy during the XIV century and spread throughout the North of Europe. People living in other regions of the world were inspired by the major ideas too. Some people obtained the opportunity to express their thoughts, get enough food, earn the respect of others, and do other things to live in prosperity.

Renaissance helped attain preference among princes. The school system was focused on studying grammar, literature, philosophy, and rhetoric, ignoring the importance of teaching young students how to act in various life situations. University was the place responsible for preparing youth for grown-up life. We have different situation nowadays. Attending universities during the epoch of Renaissance was a useless thing as local professors taught Latin to students, and this language was dead for the rest of the world. In most situations, young people graduated having no skills or knowledge necessary to live in that epoch.

Most of the time was dedicated to the study of art. By that time, artists were among the richest occupations in Europe, and it was a good reason to study art instead of other academic disciplines. The chances were higher a wealthy patron will notice the person.

Another important branch of education was the art of shipbuilding. It helped to increase trade activities, erase trade barriers, make many people travel
around the world, and sail the ships year long, bringing valuable profit. Venice tarred world-wide while Genoa preferred the Middle East. The greatest amount of gifted and intelligent merchants and bankers lived in Florence. This city is associated with the peak of the Renaissance epoch. The greatest artists of that time made it a pearl and pleasure for an eye of every tourist.

...The American Renaissance was different. The common feature the American Revolution and renaissance shared with the European events is the fight for freedom. European Renaissance inspired the Afro-American population of the United States to fight for their rights and get rid of the slavery. That is why the American art of that time depicts these events. Once the epoch ended in the US, local population celebrated the fires of democratic revolution.