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In this session, we have included two books to read for history and geography. The links to download or purchase these books are included in the history and geography section online. We have also included two maps for you to study and use for map drills.

- History: *The Story of Mankind* (TSOM) Chapters 39-44. This book is linked for free on our site. For a well-rounded overview of the Renaissance and Reformation, we also recommend *The World of Columbus and Sons*, by Genevieve Foster.
- Geography: *Book of Marvels: The Occident*, Ch. 23 "St. Peter's," Ch. 26 "The Heart of Russia," and Ch. 30 "The Mother of All Churches" The link to purchase this book is available on our site, as it is not in the public domain.
- Maps: "Northern & Southern Renaissance Map," "Renaissance Map: Largest Cities (c. 1500)"

Additionally, we recommend these biographies by Diane Stanley for further study: *Leonardo da Vinci*, *Michelangelo*, *Good Queen Bess: The Story of Elizabeth I of England*, and *Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare*.

*"Good men are the stars, the planets of the ages
wherein they live, and illustrate the times."*

~ Ben Jonson

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Largest Cities in Western Europe, ca. 1500. There were as many large cities in the Italian peninsula as in all of the rest of western Europe.