MEDIEVAL & RENAISSANCE TIMES

The Renaissance affected different aspects of life in England at different times. The humanistic approach to life started in the 1470's, whereas the parliamentary Renaissance did not happen until the 1530's. To simplify matters, here are some examples of the differences between Medieval and Renaissance viewpoints.

Medieval	renaissance
Collectivism mentality, guilds were strong.	Exaltation of the individual, humanism.
Preoccupation with the soul and death.	Appreciation of life. Art, dance, and music blossomed.
Feudalism	**Nationalism**
During war, knights were rarely killed. Foot soldiers were the bulk of the fatalities.	Gunpowder was used in warfare. It killed knight and foot soldier alike.
The Pope was involved in the governance of England through the Church.	England became a sovereign state with the monarch as its only recognized ruler.
Parliament's primary usage was to grant funds to the king.	Parliament was used to enact laws that helped enforce governmental policy.

Classroom Discussion: Discuss the words in bold and their definitions. Discuss our world today and how it has changed, and not changed, since the 16th Century.