According it the oh so informative dictionary.com the term Renaissance refers to The activity, spirit, or time of the great revival of art, literature, and learning in Europe beginning in the 14th century and extending to the 17th century, marking the transition from the medieval to the modern world. This time period marked the turning point from the Dark Ages. The renaissance was a time rich in knowledge great inventions like the printing press was invented by a German named Johannes Gutenberg. The first mechanical clock was also invented. Men like Leonardo Da Vinci, Donatello, Michelangelo, and Raphael (not the turtles) some of the greatest names from the renaissance known for painting sculpting and inventing. Their ideas are still sore the others even after hundreds of years.

How times have changed. Over time the idea of the renaissance has changed drastically the times of Inventers, Black smiths, Painters, Kings, Queens, Knights, jestores and Nobles. Are made a mockery of, just last weekend I went to the Holly renaissance festival. Although I did enjoy myself walking through the shops eating a turkey leg and watching the shows I thought, the only thing that seems to be the same are the jesters Paintings have turned in to t-shirts and bumper stickers, inventions have changed from revolutionary ideas to new designs for wind chimes and hair exorcise. We look to are past to see our future but how can we see our future if our ideas of the past are so distorted.