

## Map Activity – Renaissance Italy

Step I - Using the map below, answer the following questions:

1. Describe the political situation in Italy during the Renaissance.
2. Explain how geography helped Italy become a center of trade and commerce.



Step II – Using the links I have provided (Map of Europe in 1500 & Map of Europe today), answer the following questions.

1. Which countries in 1500 most closely resemble their modern-day versions?
2. Which areas of Europe today least resemble what they looked like in 1500? Explain the difference – what were they like?
3. Which empire posed the biggest threat to Christian Europe in 1500? Why?