The Northern Renaissance
Began after the Italian Renaissance when big cities appeared in North
Focused more on the spread of literature and ideas.
Began in Germany because it was the center of trade in Northern Europe.
Italian traders spread art and ideas throughout major German trading cities.
Northern Renaissance spread throughout Europe
Gutenberg invented printing press
Erasmus humanist; tried to blend Christianity with Renaissance ideas,
but unintentionally convinced people to rebel against the Catholic Church
Thomas More- wrote Utopia about the ideal society.
More wrote Utopia to compare life in Europe with that in an ideal society
Wrote that European governments were corrupt
Argued that owning land caused unneeded conflict between people
In utopia all male citizens were equal
Everyone worked to support the society.
Utopia now means a perfect society.
People were portrayed more realistically than they were in Italy.
Subjects in art had flaws.
More engravings were used.
More portraits of everyday people were made.