

**Celebrities of the Renaissance Readers Theatre Script**  
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[sound effect]----Trumpet Fanfare!]	All	Ahhhhh!
3 Welcome to “Celebrities Select!”	11	I love that picture!
[sound effect—applause, cheers]	3	What else? Tell us more.
2 The program that brings you	6	I designed the parachute.
celebrities from all time periods!	All	How ingenious! [gesture]
11 Even if they’re dead! [sound effect-	6	And that’s not all! I invented the
-admiration]		plane, and I designed a horseless
4 This week’s guests come to us from		carriage.
the Renaissance!	All	You mean a car?
1 Audience, do you know what the	6	A what?
Renaissance is?	All	Look out the window! [gesture]
All No. What does it mean?	6	Mama Mia! Look at those
2 It means going through a revival or		miraculous machines.
rebirth.	4	And I guess they all got their start
3 Rebirth—what’s that?		from our first guest—Leonardo
4 It means “to come alive a second		DaVinci!
time!”	All	[sound effect]
All Ohhhh!	5	Now will you please welcome
2 Anyways, the Renaissance went		Johannes [yo-HAN-ness]
from the 1300s to the mid 1600s.		Gutenberg! [sound effect]
5 Many famous artists, inventors,	1	Mr. G, when were you born?
musicians, and writers lived during	7	1398. And I died in 1468. [sound
that time.		effect]
All Like who?	2	And what did you do during the
6 Like Leonardo DaVinci		Renaissance?
7 Gutenberg	7	I was a German inventor. I
8 Shakespeare		perfected the moveable type
9 Thomas More		printing press.
10 and Michaelangelo!	All	Impressive!
1 Brought from the Renaissance right	11	Wow! Gutenberg is cool! [pause]
here to you today!		What’s a moveable type printing
All Leonardo DaVinci, Gutenberg,		press?
Shakespeare, Thomas More, and	3	And why did it make you a
Michaelangelo?		celebrity?
6-10 Live and in person.[gesture—a	7	The moveable printing press is a
bow?]		machine that could print books
All [sound effect—applause? Wow?		more quickly.
Oh my?]	4	Thank you “Dan-kuh-shane,” Mr.
2 What about you, DaVinci?		Gutenberg. Who’s our next guest?
All Yeah, what did you do? [gesture]	8	Allow me to introduce myself. I am
6 Well, I painted a picture called the		William Shakespeare and I’m from
“Mona Lisa.”		England.

All	A subject in Queen Elizabeth's kingdom?		grumbling] [gesture] All right, if you must know, I was only 57
8	Yes I was! I was born in 1564.		years old. [sound effect—disbelief-
All	[sound effect] Wow! That was a		-gasp]
	long time ago!	11	My dad is 57!
8	I write poems and I am an actor and	4	Sorry about that, Tom. But now
	a master playwright.		ladies and gentlemen [sound
5	I believe many of your plays were		effect], introducing [sound effect]
	built around historic figures such as	All	Michelangelo? [gesture]
	Julius Caesar and the kings of	4	Michelangelo!
	England?	11	Who's that?
8	Correct! I am full of life, wit, and	5	A Renaissance man who studied
	passion!		anatomy. [sound
All	You really seem like it! [gesture]		effect—suggestion: "The knee
8	"All the world's a stage and all the		bone's connected to the thigh bone,
	men and women merely players...		the thigh bone's connected to
	To be or...		the...?" or?]
1	[interrupting] Okay, give it up for	10	Yes, yes, I did. It helped me make
	Will Shakespeare! [sound effect]		pictures and sculptures of realistic
	And now please welcome Thomas		figures.
	More! [sound effect]	1	Like your Moses?
2	Isn't he the famous author?	10	Ah yes—Moses—a statue I
11	of <u>Harry Potter</u> ?		completed in 1515. But here's
All	[sound effect—groan?]		something I bet you didn't know
9	[clears throat] No, my book's name		about me—I was the first person...
	is <u>Utopia</u> .	All	to sign your name backwards.
All	Utopia! [pause] What's Utopia?	11	We learned that in History class.
	[gesture]	3	Well, that's all for today, folks,
9	A place where people are treated		from
	equally. It's a perfect state where	All	"Celebrities Select!"
	everyone works together to achieve	2	Tune in next week when we'll
	happiness.		feature the crew of the Titanic!
3	How old were you when you died?		[sound effect—applause and Trumpet
9	That is classified information.		Fanfare]
	[sound effect—disappointed		