NAME_____ Global Studies II

HOW DID LITERATURE REFLECT RENAISSANCE IDEAS?

Read the following documents and answer the questions that follow.

Document #1

"Men are some times the masters of their fates:
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in the stars
But in ourselves, that we are servants"
- Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare

According to THIS document, why aren't men always in control of their destinies?

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Document #2

"How foolish, or rather how happy, are those who promise themselves heavenly happiness if they repeat the verses of the seven holy psalms! These silly things are approved not only by the common herd but even by the teachers of religion."

In Praise of Folly, Erasmus

According to THIS document, why are churchgoers foolish?

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Document #3

"...It is necessary for a prince who wishes to stay in power to learn how not to be good, and to use this knowledge and not to use it, according to each case. It is well to seem, merciful, faithful, humane, sincere, religious, and also to be so; but when necessary you must be able to change to the opposite qualities"

The Prince, Niccolo Machiavelli

According to THIS document, what qualities will a successful ruler have?

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Document #4

"All their life was spent, not in laws, statutes or rules, but according to their own free will and pleasure... In all their kingdom...there was only one rule to be followed...do what thou want"

Pantagruel by Rabelais

According to THIS document, how should people live their lives?

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