Chp. 3 Reformation

The Two Reformations

* By 1600, Catholicism was adhered to by most people living in Spain, France, Austria, Poland, Italy, Bavaria.
* By 1600, Protestants dominated England, Switzerland, the Dutch Netherlands, Scandinavia, Northern German States.

The Northern Renaissance

* Until mid 1400’s, the Renaissance had been limited to Italy.
* Northern Europe was not as wealthy and therefore didn’t care much for Renaissance ideas yet.
* Humanists began to change the way people in northern Europe looked at the world.
* Humanists were interested in morality and ethics.
* The church became a target for their attention.
* Humanists began to criticize church corruption, the idleness of monastic life, scholastics, and religious practices that seemed illogical and superstitious.
* Northern Renaissance and humanism helped the push toward change.

Northern Art and Humanism

* The Dutch Netherlands became a center because of their wealth.
* Flemish painters emphasized decorative detail like illumination.
* Favored realism over the Italian idealism.
* They broke away from religious subject matter, and Gothic use of dark, gloomy colors.
* Rarely used nudes.