**Biography**

**A great thinker and humanist, Erasmus, also known as Erasmus of Rotterdam - Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus - (1469-1536) is a Dutch philosopher, writer, humanist and theologian.**

**"Prince of humanists," Erasmus is considered the soul of the "Republic of Letters" that was established in Europe at the beginning of the 16th century.**

**His life was punctuated by long journeys (between 1500 and 1530) throughout Europe, from Italy to England via France. An advisor to Charles V in the Netherlands, he later moved to Switzerland, in Basel in 1521.**

* **Humanist : a person belonging to the European intellectual movement of the 15th and 16th centuries who proclaims his trust in man. He can progress through his intelligence and the education he receives.**
* **Republic of Letters: a group of men of letters and scholars of a country.**