THINK LIKE A HISTORIAN – group discussions, group work

Today’s Historical Question *– What does this document tell you about the power of the de Medici family in Florence, Italy?*

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|  | Document: *Letter from Lorenzo de Medici to his son, the Cardinal (1491)*  Lorenzo de Medici (1449 – 1492) was the unofficial ruler of Florence from 1469 until his death. He was a humanist, arts patron, and skillful politician. In 1489 he manages to have his son Giovanni (age 14) made a Cardinal in the Catholic Church. Giovanni later becomes Pope Leo X. |
| Who wrote this document? |  |
| When and where was this document written? |  |
| Why was this document written? |  |
| Do you think this source is a credible and valid source about the Renaissance? Why or why not? |  |
| What clues do you have about the power and influence of the de Medici family? |  |