

The Protestant Reformation

Background to the Reformation

- During the 1500s, the northern renaissance sparked a _____ upheaval.
- Northern Europeans faced a great deal of uncertainty in their lives.
 - People were poor
 - Life was _____
- Many people wanted a better life and used _____ ideas to question the church.
 - These ideas spread quickly because of the _____.

Church Abuses

- Problems in the _____ began in the Middle Ages.
 - Fought with Kings and Emperors
 - Crusades (holy wars)
- Church was selling **indulgences** to “_____” for its extravagant churches and lifestyle.
 - _____ = pieces of paper that people could buy to have their sins forgiven.
- Early Revolts against the Church
 - John Wycliffe and Jan Hus – both _____.

Protestant Reformation

- In 1517, protests against church abuses erupted into a HUGE revolt.
- The revolt was started by a German named _____.
 - _____ Martin Luther King Jr. (although named after the German monk).
- Luther was a _____ who was troubled with the Catholic Church’s teachings and behavior.
 - Priest in Wittenberg Germany was _____ to anyone who contributed money for a new cathedral.
 - Luther was outraged!

95 Theses

- To express his anger with the church Luther wrote the _____ (October 31, 1517).
 - **95 Theses** = list of grievances (_____) about the Catholic church.
 - **Called for** _____!!
 - Posted on the door of Wittenberg’s All Saints Church.

Luther’s Arguments in Theses

- Luther made 3 primary _____:
 - Luther disagreed that people could “_____” forgiveness and salvation.
 - Luther believed that the pope had _____ to release people from purgatory.
 - Luther believed -salvation was achieved through “_____” and not through good works or through purchasing indulgences.

A Church Firestorm!

- Luther’s ideas and copies of the 95 Theses spread quickly because of the invention of the _____.
- The Church and Emperor were furious!
 - In 1521, Pope Leo X _____ Luther.
 - Emperor Charles V declared Luther an _____ making it a crime for anyone to give him food or shelter.
- Still Luther continued...