

Aim: Why was the Protestant Reformation a turning point in history?
Do Now: List the impact of the Renaissance.

I. Pre-Reformation

- a) Christian humanism: people wanted to reform Catholic Church
- b) Erasmus: criticized abuses in church and of Monks
- c) 1450-1520- corruption in church
- d) Pope's corrupt with political power and greed

II. Church Abuses

1. 1500's church needed money
2. Wanted to beautify the churches and pay Renaissance artists
3. Sold indulgences: instant salvation for money
4. Also raised prices on sacraments: marriage, baptism, etc.

III Martin Luther

“Erasmus
laid the egg
that Luther
hatched”

- a. 1517 German monk
- b. rejected church practices
- c. posted the 95 theses on Wittenberg church
- d. he was against the sale of indulgences
- e. Claimed that faith alone will grant salvation
- f. Bible is the only source of truth
- g. Priests should marry
- h. Mass and sacraments done in all languages not just Latin
- i. Asked by Pope Leo X to recant
- j. He was soon excommunicated
- k. German princes protected Luther
- l. 1555-Peace of Augsburg
- m. German Princes chose religion of the state
- n. People could choose to be Catholic or Lutheran
- o. They could also move to a German state practicing their religion

IV John Calvin

- a. Follower of Luther
- b. Believed in predestination
- c. This was a belief that God had already chosen who will be saved
- d. Set up a theocracy in Geneva, Switzerland

V King Henry VIII

- a. Wanted a male child, his wife didn't have any
- b. Wanted a divorce but pope wouldn't allow it
- c. He then blasted the pope and set up the Church of England

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VI Effects

- a. Loss of religious unity in Europe
- b. Thirty Years war 1614-1648 was a Religious conflict
- c. 1648 a truce was declared.
- d. It was agreed that a few countries including England, Scotland and Germany would stand as "Protestant" lands.
- e. The rest remained Roman Catholic.