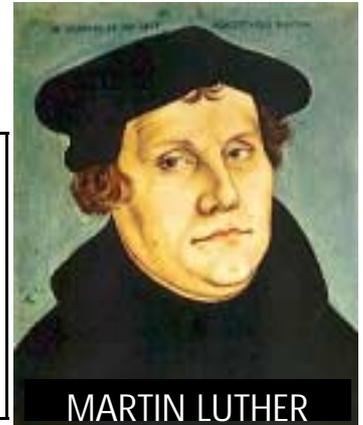


The Reformation

Martin Luther, a monk from Wittenberg in Germany began to criticize the power and corruption of the Catholic church in 1517. Luther demanded reform of the church.

Some of Luther's criticisms of the church:



♦ Indulgences - paying for forgiveness



Pardoners, with permission from the Pope, travelled all across Europe selling Indulgences. They said all you had to do was buy one and you could pay for forgiveness - even for someone who had already died. You could buy a ticket to heaven!

♦ The Bible - only in Latin



Luther said it was unfair of the Pope to stop translations of the bible. Ordinary people couldn't read Latin. Luther said it was unfair because they had to rely on what their priest told them - they couldn't read it themselves!

Luther's supporters became known as Protestants. This was because they protested against the Church.

At first Henry VIII disagreed with Luther. He was worried that if people were prepared to attack the church, they might be prepared to attack the monarchy. However, when the Pope refused to grant Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, Henry changed his mind.



In 1534, Henry made himself head of the Church in England. Henry was now hostile to people who remained loyal to the Pope. He demanded everyone was loyal to one person - HIM - not someone far away in Rome!

In 1535, Henry began arresting monks for high treason. Some monks were publicly tortured and beheaded, and several nuns were executed. In 1536, Henry granted permission for an English translation of the bible to be published, ordering that a copy should be placed in every church in England.

The Protestant Reformation

The Reformation spread throughout Europe and began in England when Henry VIII made himself head of the Church in 1534. The struggle between Protestants and Catholics over religious beliefs would not be easily solved in England or abroad.

The Reformation

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY USING FULL SENTENCES

1. Where did Martin Luther come from?

2. Complete the sentence:

"In ____, Martin Luther began to _____z_ the power and _____ of the C_____ church"

3. What could buy that could forgive your sins?

You could buy [_____] - paying for these would forgive your sins.

- a) Bible b) Latin c) Indulgences d) Pope

4. What language was the bible in?

5. Why did this make it difficult for ordinary people?

6. Copy the diagram - do a quick sketch of Martin Luther - and fill in the missing sections:

Indulgences

These were sold by
Par_____. Luther said it
was wrong to sell
for_____.



The Bible

The Bible was only in
_____. The Pope stopped
t_____ of it into
different languages.

SOME OF LUTHER'S CRITICISMS OF THE CHURCH

7. Why were Luther's supporters called Protestants?

8. Why at first was Henry VIII worried about Luther and the Protestants?

9. Explain one reason why Henry VIII changed his mind about the Protestants.

10. Henry demanded his people were loyal to him and 'not someone far away in Rome'.
Who was the person far away in Rome?

11. Name two things that Henry did in 1536 that changed the religion in England.

Bonus

Ask your teacher for a blank map of Europe. Using your text book or the OHP, copy the labels and colour in the different countries.

Where in Europe are most of the Catholic countries? What are they near to?

Where in Europe are most of the Protestant countries? What are they near to?