

The Reformation Begins

What factors led to the weakening of the Catholic Church and the beginning of the Reformation?

PREVIEW

Your school's principal has just enacted a policy regarding dress code violations that you believe unfairly targets certain students. You would like to voice your opinion, but are concerned that doing so might label you a troublemaker. Which of the following courses of action should you take?

- A. Ask for an appointment with the principal and explain your concerns about the policy face to face.
- B. Create a pamphlet that outlines your arguments against the new policy and pass it out to students at lunchtime.
- C. Stand on the sidewalk outside the school and, as students leave school for the day, protest loudly against the new policy.
- D. Ask your parents if you can transfer to another school where you know the dress code policy is fairer.
- E. Stay quiet and wait to see if other students are also upset before you start speaking out against the policy.

Now, in a few sentences, explain why you chose that particular course of action.

READING NOTES

Social Studies Vocabulary

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

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| indulgence | Reformation | Martin Luther |
| simony | Protestant | denomination |

Section 1

- Complete the chart below by identifying three similarities between the classroom activity and the Catholic Church’s selling of indulgences.

Classroom Activity	Historical Connection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school attempted to raise money by selling points to students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who performed poorly on the quiz or other assignments were told they could still earn high grades by buying points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who honored the academic process or couldn’t afford to buy points were troubled by the policy, believing it was wrong or unfair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

- Name three factors, besides selling indulgences, that contributed to the weakening of the Catholic Church.

Section 3

1. Why did Martin Luther write the Ninety-Five Theses and post them on the door of a church in Wittenberg?

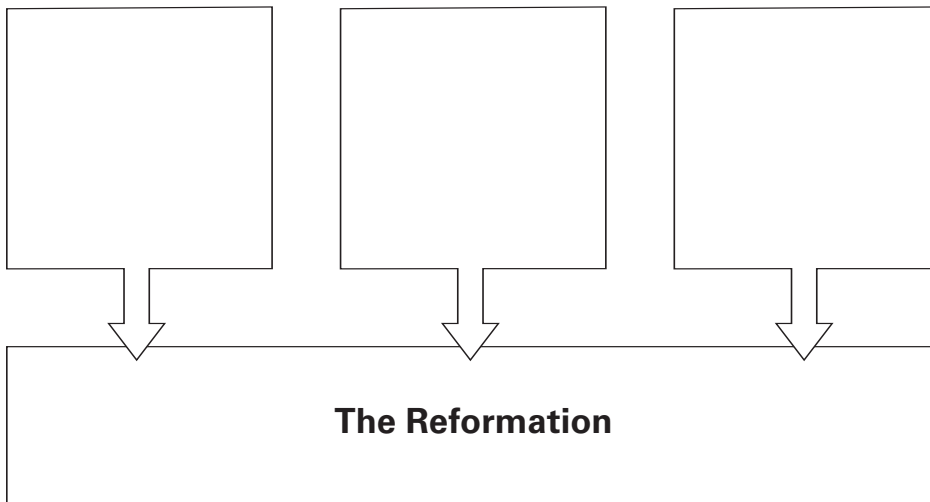
2. Use this chart to compare and contrast Luther's beliefs with those of the Catholic Church.

Martin Luther	Catholic Church

3. What happened when Luther was brought before the Diet of Worms?

Section 4

1. Name three factors that helped spread Luther's reforms across Europe.



2. What two Protestant reformers began new churches in Switzerland?

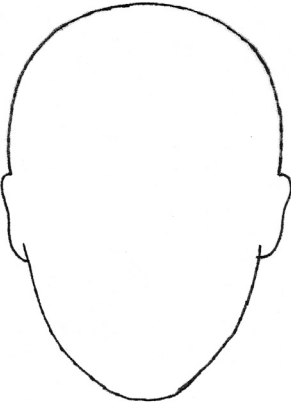
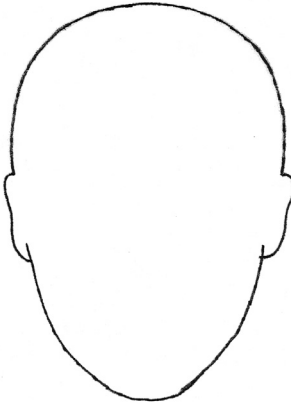

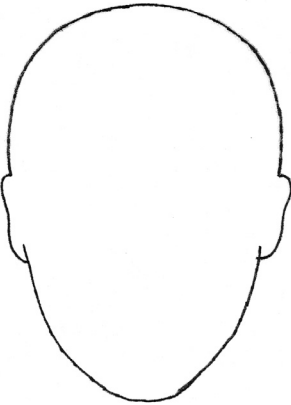
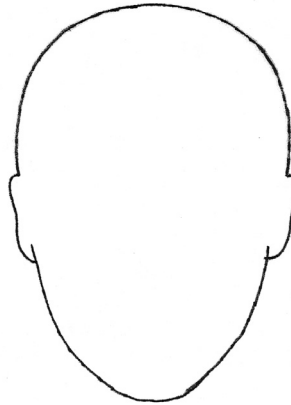
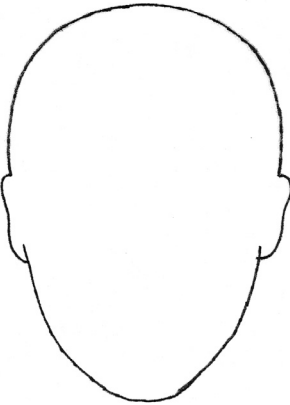
3. What personal and political reasons led King Henry VIII to split with the Catholic Church?

Personal Reasons	Political Reasons

4. Who was William Tyndale? For what important contribution is he most remembered?

PROCESSING

In each outline, draw facial features to show how each of these six individuals felt about the need to reform the Catholic Church. Then, under each head, complete the sentence to express what each person would say about the Reformation. An example is provided.

<p>Catholic Church Official</p>  <p>We need reform because</p>	<p>Jan Hus</p>  <p>We need reform because</p>	<p>Desiderius Erasmus</p>  <p>We need reform because <i>we must put an end to Church abuses in order to keep our Church strong.</i></p>
<p>Martin Luther</p>  <p>We need reform because</p>	<p>John Calvin</p>  <p>We need reform because</p>	<p>King Henry VIII</p>  <p>We need reform because</p>