

Reformation Summary: The Protestant Reformation, English Reformation, and Counter-Reformation

Key Figures	Martin Luther	John Calvin	King Henry VIII
What motivated them to "reform"?	He saw corruption in the Catholic Church	Disagrees with Luther about nature of salvation	He wanted a divorce, and the Pope told him no.
What did they do to change the church?	Writes the 95 Thesis describing the problems	Starts the Calvinist church	Kicked the Pope out of England and started the Anglican Church
What was the impact of their work?	Catholics label him a "heretic" & his followers "Protestants"	Calvinism spreads through Europe and into New World	Years of conflict and England becomes a Protestant nation.

	The Catholic Church
What motivated them to "reform"?	Catholic Church is losing members and territory to the expansion of the Protestants
What did Catholic leaders do to change the church?	Council of Trent: limit sale of indulgences and remove corrupt leaders Jesuits: group trained to oppose Protestant beliefs
What was the impact of their work?	Catholic Church defined what it believed. Protestant spread was slowed down. Jesuit missionaries spread Catholicism.

English Reformation

Henry VIII - king of England who was a strong supporter of Catholic Church

He had no son and blamed his wife for this.

Wanted a divorce. Pope said no.

1529 - Henry VIII makes a law taking away Pope's power in England.

Henry VIII starts the Anglican Church (Protestant church in England) and makes himself its leader.

King's plan to have a son eventually works, but his son only rules for a short time.

Counter-Reformation

Catholic movement in response to the Protestant Reformation

Council of Trent:

-Limited the sale of indulgences

-Strict moral standards for church leaders

-Confirmed that only Catholic Church could interpret the Bible

-Anyone opposing them = heretic

St. Ignatius & the Jesuits:

-Extremely devoted group of religious "knights" that were devoted totally to the Pope

-Served Catholic kings, and opposed the growing power of the Protestants

-Established schools and missions