Protestant Reformation
Protestant Reformation: Beginning

Protestant = someone who protested the Catholic Church

Reformation = when people demand changes
Indulgences

- Indulgences = certificates
- that take away sin
- church is selling
- forgiveness to make $
- Q: Who will this anger?
Usury

- Merchants want usury
- usury = lending money & charging interest
- Church says usury is wrong
- Q: Who would this anger?
Absolute

- Absolute power & wealth
- of the church
- Q: Why was the Catholic Church so powerful in Europe?
- Q: What people would have preferred to be most powerful?
Domination

- Domination of the church by Italians
- non-Italians (Germans/English) mad
IMAD

Reflection:
Look at each letter of IMAD. Who would have been angry at the Church about each one and why?
Martin Luther

- Faith saves people - not good works
- Catholic church = salvation by following church
- Q: Who will not like this idea of Luther’s? Why?
Martin Luther

- Ultimate authority for Christians = Bible
- Q: Who will this anger? Who did Catholics think was the authority?
- Catholic Church says Pope is Ultimate Authority
Martin Luther

- Nobody is more important in God’s eyes
- Q: In Catholic hierarchy who was most important?
- Laity is equal to clergy
  Q: Will the Church agree?
Martin Luther

- 1517 - Luther nails 95 Theses (ideas) on his church’s door
- Luther from Holy Roman Empire (Germany)
- Pope excommunicates Luther - kicks him out
- Church declares Luther a heretic
- Luther goes into hiding & writes New Testament in German
- Luther’s ideas spread to princes in German city-states
- Luther’s followers form 1st Protestant Christian group
- LUTHERAN CHURCH
Question

• Why were Luther and his followers called Protestants?
John Calvin

- His ideas hit the Church w/a:
- Predestination - God chooses who goes to heaven
- - you don’t get there by good works
- Our moral lives reveal if we’re chosen by God
- Q: What does Calvin say gets people to heaven?
- Luther says? Catholic Church says?
- Work ethic that honors God
- Q: How should Christians work then?
Important Calvin Events

- Calvin is from Switzerland
- He broke from Catholic Church & formed Calvinist Church
- Q: Why would Calvin not be afraid to oppose the Catholic Church?
- Calvin’s ideas spread to Scotland & then to N America
- Q: What invention would have helped his ideas spread?
King Henry VIII

- DAD of the Anglican Church
- Divorce: Henry wants one but Pope says no.
- Q: Which letter of IMAD probably made Henry mad?
- Anglican Church – Henry is in charge – no pope
- Did away with Catholic Church’s land & wealth in England
Important English Reformation Events

- Henry’s Church just like Catholic but no Pope
- Protestants mad - try to make church not at all Catholic
- Q: Now who’s mad?
- Catholics mad - try to make church not at all Protestant
- Q: Now who’s mad? What would be a smart solution?
- Elizabeth I - Henry’s daughter combines Catholic styles with Protestant teachings
- Elizabeth I makes Anglican Church the official church of all of Great Britain
Question?

- Why was Henry called a Protestant?
Reformation

• Why is it said that the Protestants started a Reformation?
• Because they wanted the Catholic Church to reform- or change.
Reflection

- What’s the major difference between Luther/Calvin’s reasons for leaving the Catholic Church and Henry VIII’s?