

The Protestant Reformation

What were the initial motivations behind the Protestant Reformations and how and why did they change?

Why did Luther's Reformation take hold, when he was not the first to point out the corruption in the Catholic Church?

The Protestant Reformation Spreads

How did Luther's Reformation inspire other Reformers?

How did Martin Luther's Reformation influence political, religious and social changes throughout Europe?

Wars of Religion

Explain how the Protestant Reformation led to military conflicts throughout Europe.

How did the religious differences in Europe begin to take a back seat to the political issues between the various European Countries during the 16th century?

The Catholic Reformation

Compare the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation to Machiavelli's belief that "it is better to be feared than loved" and that a strong ruler must be "a lion and a fox".

Explain how the Catholic Church responded to the Protestant Reformation.

Society and Politics

How did the Renaissance and Reformation influence gender roles in European Society?

How did both the Protestant and Catholic Reformations influence social order throughout Europe?

Mannerism and Baroque Art

How did the artistic movements of Mannerism and Baroque reflect the changing role of the Catholic Church in Europe?