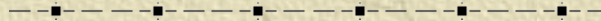




The Protestant Reformation



What is the Protestant Reformation?

- ✦ Protestant Reformation - a religious movement in the 1500's that split the Christian church in western Europe and led to the establishment of a number of new churches.
- ✦ People were unhappy with the churches...
 - Financial Corruption
 - Abuse of Power
 - Immorality

What sparked the Reformation?

✦ Pope Leo X needs money to build St. Peter's Basilica...so he sold indulgences!

- Indulgences- pardons issued by the pope that people could buy to reduce a soul's time in purgatory = (People could buy forgiveness)
- Martin Luther's Ninety Five Theses



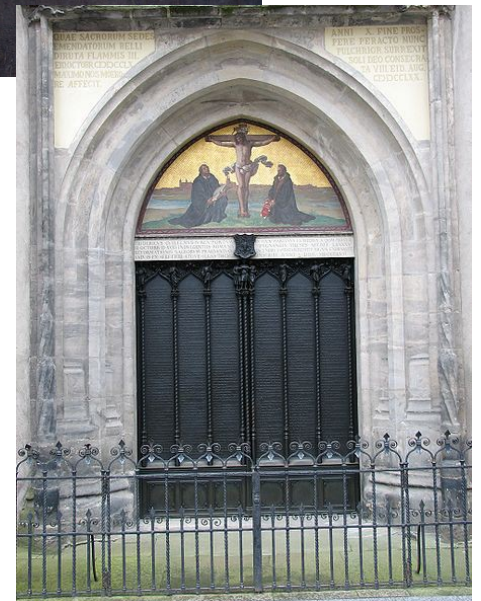
Language Barriers

- ✦ Most uneducated people didn't understand Latin, but knew the local common language or "vernacular".
 - Almost all Bibles were written in LATIN before the Reformation.
- ✦ It was the job of the church clergy to translate the Bible to lay people.

Martin Luther

✦ Luther (1483-1546) was a German monk and professor of theology (religion) at the University of Wittenberg.

✦ One of the many leaders of the Protestant Reformation.



Luther's 95 Theses

✦ In 1517, the 95 Theses were nailed to a church door. They were written in Latin.

– Luther's intention: not to break from the church, but reform it

– Criticized:

1. Indulgences

2. Power of Pope

3. Wealth of Church

✦ God's Grace won by faith

– Catholic View: Good Works

Excommunication



✦ In 1520 Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther.

- Excommunication- expelled him from the church.
- Holy Roman Emperor Charles V passed measures to suppress Luther's writings.
- Lutheran princes in Germany issued a protestatio or protest.
 - Hence the term Protestant!

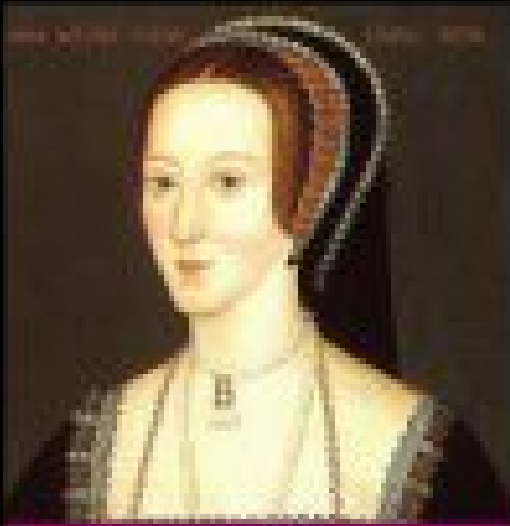
The English Reformation

- ✦ King Henry VIII (king from 1509 – 1547)
 - The king who had six wives...
 - He wanted a son
- ✦ King Henry's older brother Arthur dies...

Arthur was married to Catherine of Aragon (from Spain) before she married Henry. Catherine couldn't produce a son, so he wanted an annulment. She did give birth to a daughter named Mary, who later became the queen of England and restored the Catholic Church!



**Catherine of Aragon
Divorced**



**Anne Boleyn
Beheaded**



**Jane Seymour
Died**



**Anne of Cleves
Divorced**



**Catherine Howard
Beheaded**



**Catherine Parr
Survived**

The Reformation Parliament

- ✦ Was a gathering that led to the decision that England was no longer under the authority of the pope.
- ✦ Henry VIII was excommunicated
- ✦ Act of Supremacy
 - Subjects were required to take an oath declaring Henry VIII to be “Supreme Head of the Church of England”

Children of Henry VIII

✦ Edward VI (king from 1547 – 1553)

- First monarch raised protestant
- Protestant rule, tried to remove Mary from the line because of religious differences

✦ Queen Mary I or “Bloody Mary” (queen from 1553-1558)

- Raised Catholic like her mother Catherine of Aragon; she reestablished the Catholic Church in England. She killed many protestants.

✦ Queen Elizabeth I (queen from 1558-1603)

- Raised Protestant and ruled England for 44 years. She never married or had children.