

Martin Luther (1483-1546) *disc one*

name _____

Vocabulary:

monastery
indulgences

purgatory
theses

Diet (of Worms)
excommunication

vernacular

Questions:

1. What was Luther's father's occupation? Why did he change occupations? _____
2. What lesson did Luther learn at home? _____
3. About what time in his life did Luther first see a complete copy of Scripture? Why did he see it only then? _____
4. What were the three options open to Luther for University study? What did he decide to study?
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
5. Why was Luther constantly frustrated during these years? _____
6. In what city did Luther enter a monastery? _____
7. What was Luther's view of God at this time? _____
8. At what university did Luther become a professor? _____
9. What subject was he assigned to teach there? What was his textbook? _____
10. What book of the Bible did God use to reveal Luther's spiritual need and show him that the just should live by faith?
Who did he learn could impute righteousness? _____
11. What lesson did he learn from Psalm 31:1? _____
12. What was the sale of cancellation of purgatorial suffering called? On what major topic did most of Luther's theses center? _____
13. Who was the chief seller of indulgences? _____
14. What did Luther see as the chief problem with indulgences? _____
15. What public forum or academic exercise allowed ideas to be examined? How many items did Luther dispute? _____
16. Where did Luther appear before an imperial diet? _____
17. What was he asked to do? Why did he refuse this request? _____
18. What action did the church take against Luther? _____
19. What did Luther do during his confinement at Wartburg Castle? What was the real value of this work? _____
20. What was his wife's previous occupation? _____
21. Why did Luther believe he was a poor candidate for marriage? _____

Bubblegram Quiz:

1. (Down) What famous reformer is the subject of this volume of *Church History in First Person*?
2. What religious movement which parallels the Renaissance and which sought to get rid of religious error did Luther begin?
3. What did Luther come to believe that his salvation was solely dependent on after reading Romans 1:17?
4. Into what vernacular language did Luther translate the Scriptures?
5. What did Luther post of the church door on October 31, 1517?
6. In what century did Luther live and work?
7. What was the occupation of Luther's wife before her marriage?
8. What was Luther's main textbook when he taught at the University of Wittenburg?
9. What did Tetzel sell for the church, a practice which Luther protested and disputed?
10. For what famous hymn did Luther write the text?
11. What subject did Luther teach at the University of Wittenburg?
12. What was Luther's wife's first name?
13. What was Luther's favorite book of the Bible and the one that revealed Christ's righteousness and salvation to him?

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Answers:

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| 1. had been a farmer, became a miner; more money | 9. theology; Bible | 16. Worms |
| 2. importance of obedience | 10. Romans; God | 17. to recant; he saw no error, and his conscience was captive to Christ |
| 3. when he went to University; copies were scarce | 11. righteousness came from trusting God | 18. excommunicated him |
| 4. law, medicine theology; law | 12. indulgences; indulgences | 19. translated the Bible into German; it was the language of the people |
| 5. had no sense of calling | 13. Tetzal | 20. nun |
| 6. Erfurt | 14. people felt that indulgences gave them license to sin | 21. price on his head |
| 7. fearful | 15. debate; 95 | |
| 8. the University of Wittenberg | | |

Bubblegram:

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 2. R E F O R M A T I O N
 3. F A I T H
 4. G E R M A N
 5. 9 5 T H E S E S
 6. S I X T E E N T H
 7. N U N

 8. B I B L E
 9. I N D U L G E N C E S
 10. A M I G H T Y F O R T R E S S
 11. T H E O L O G Y
 12. K A T I E
 13. R O M A N S

1455 Gutenberg Bible

1525 Tyndale's New Testament published

1546 Death of Martin Luther

A.D. 1450

1483 Birth of Martin Luther

1517 Luther's 95 Theses

1492 Birth of William Tyndale

A.D. 1550

1505 Birth of John Knox

1455-1485 The Wars of the Roses

1536 Tyndale martyred

Activities:

- Map the places in Germany important to the life of Luther.
- Play "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and have your students learn all the verses. Note that Luther also wrote "Away in a Manger."
- Study Psalm 31, a passage that was significant to Luther.
- Compare and contrast curriculum changes and career possibilities in Luther's day with today. Be sure to focus on the Christian's need to seek and stay in the center of the Lord's will.
- Discuss how Luther's view of God changed over time. What made his view of God change? What affects our view of God?

For Further Reading:

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