Course: AP European History

Unit: The Reformations

Length: 8-9 days

Content
● Reasons for the Protestant and Catholic Reformations occurring
● Major/Key Protestant beliefs
● People: Desidarius Erasmus, John Tetzel, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, King Henry VIII, Pope Paul III, Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, Theresa of Avila, Prince Frederick the Wise of Saxony, Conrad Grebel, Thomas More, John Fisher, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V
● Places: Germany/Holy Roman Empire, Switzerland, England
● Religious Groups: Lutherans, Calvinists (includes Huguenots, Presbyterians, Puritans), Anglicans, Anabaptists, Jesuits
● Concepts: justification by faith alone, indulgences, predestination, transubstantiation, laity, sacraments, clergy, emphasis on The Bible, simony, seminary, missionary

Discussion Questions
● What exactly was the Reformation and why did it occur? Consider people, ideas and places where it became popular.
● In *A World Lit Only By Fire*, the author quotes historian Thomas Carlyle who stated “the greatest moment in the history of modern man” was when Martin Luther refused to recant his writings and beliefs at the Diet of Worms, rebuking the Holy Roman emperor and ensuring the division of Christianity. Agree or disagree?

Methods of Instruction
● Lecture
● Class Discussion
● Song: *A Mighty Fortress is our God*
● Video Clips: Luther, *A Man For All Seasons*, Henry VIII & England’s Reformation (from The Monarchy series with David Starkey)
● Debate Research/Preparation (some classes will have Library time to do this)

Primary Sources
● Martin Luther’s *Ninety-Five Theses* (homework)
● Martin Luther’s *Address to the Nobility of the German Nation* (excerpts – read and discuss in class)
● *Act of Supremacy* (homework)
● German Peasants’ Revolt: *The Twelve Articles* (homework)
● Ignatius Loyola’s *Spiritual Exercises* (excerpts – read & discuss in class)

Assessment
● Chapter Terms
● Chapter Focus/Review Questions
● Religious Map of Europe c. 1600 (homework)
● Primary Source readings with questions to answer (homework)
● Informal Discussion on reading from *A World Lit Only By Fire* by William Manchester
● Reformation Debate (on reverse)
● Unit Test (Renaissance & Reformations – multiple-choice and take home free response essay)