

Reformation Study Guide

7.44 Analyze Johannes Gutenberg's printing press and William Tyndale's translation of the Bible into the English language as vehicles for the spread of books, growth of literacy, and dissemination of knowledge

Impacts of the Printing Press

- Books mass produced,
- books are cheaper to buy
- Rapid spread of knowledge
- literacy [reading and writing] increased in European cities.
- People began to read the Bible for themselves.
- More people chose to learn to read.

❖ The Bible is translated into the vernacular [everyday common language] this allows people to read the bible for themselves and to think for themselves. With more people exposed to the written language and are able to afford books now, more people want to learn to read.

William Tyndale English professor

- thought everyone should have a chance to read the Bible for themselves,
- translated the Bible into English,
- Catholic Church charged him with heresy executed.

Johannes Gutenberg

- from Germany
- invents the Printing Press
- 1st book printed was the Gutenberg Bible.



7.45 Explain the significant causes of the Protestant Reformation, including: the Catholic Church's taxation policies, the selling of indulgences, and Martin Luther's 95 Theses.

Important Events during the European Protestant Reformation – Breaking away from the Catholic Church

- Martin Luther 95 Theses – leading to Lutheranism
- Henry VIII declares himself Supreme head of the Church of England – Anglicism
- Calvinism – John Calvin- predestination

In the **Middle Ages**, the **Catholic church** in Europe collected a **tax** of its own, separate from the kings' **taxes**



Martin Luther

- 95 Theses are a list of 95 complaints or arguments that were based on scripture that were against Catholic Church practices.
- Believed that the teaching that indulgences can free people of punishment of sins was wrong and dishonest.
- People already upset with the Church's taxation policies to fund their projects. Martin Luther said the supreme authority was the Bible NOT the Church policies and practices

7.46 Analyze the development of the Protestant Reformation and the split with the Catholic Church, including: the emphasis on scripture alone, salvation by faith, and predestination.

Major Ideas during the Protestant Reformation

- Predestination
- Salvation by Faith
- Scripture Alone

Scripture alone = refers to the Bible as the sole source of authority for Christian faith and practice

John Calvin and **predestination** – salvation already determined by God, God has knowledge of all that will happen, individuals control of personal behavior – Calvinism

The Protestant Reformation developed due to:

- ❖ increased dissatisfaction with religious leadership
 - ❖ the invention of the printing press,
 - ❖ lead to the spread of religious criticism of the Catholic Church policies
- Emphasis on scripture alone helped to develop the Protestant Reformation
- Split with the Catholic Church develops as people could read the Bible in the vernacular and not relying on the teachings of the Catholic Church