
Lesson Excerpt: Causes & Effects of the Reformation

Purpose/Objective: Students learn causes/effects of Reformation, tenets of Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and political/religious situation in Europe and England in 1600s.

Suggested Reading: Chapter 1 of *Miracle of America* sourcebook/text. Students read section 1.1.

Map Study

Have students study maps of Europe during the time of the Protestant Reformation and identify relevant states, countries, geographic regions, and the locations and movements of significant events.

Content Presentation

Using various methods of presentation (reading guide, outline, handouts, lecture, PowerPoint, etc.), teacher introduces content of Reformation. Review following points: 1) church-state systems and situation before Reformation, 2) causes/motivations of Reformation, 3) reformers and writings of Reformation, 4) main tenets of Reformation and Catholic Church/Counter-Reformation, 5) how Reformation affected religious & political views, church-state systems in Europe and England in 1600s.

Paragraph Answers

In class, students write paragraph answers to the above 5 topics. The teacher may choose to allow students the option to refer to and pull source information from the text for their answers.

Student Presentations

Students work in pairs or small groups to present one of the 5 topics above to class. Students can speak & use visual aids, PowerPoint Presentations, maps, etc. Assign a different topic to each group.

Resource: *The Miracle of America High School Teacher Course Guide*

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Activity Location

Miracle of America High School Teacher Course Guide, Unit 1, Part 1, Activity 3: Causes and Effects of the Reformation, pp. 56. HS.

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