


## Why did the Protestant Reformation spread throughout Europe?

### Document #1



 *The Religious Divisions of Europe, ca. 1555. Prior to 1520, all of Europe was Roman Catholic.*

1. According to this document, why would the Protestant Reformation be considered a success? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Document #2



2. One of Martin Luther's main accomplishments was to translate the Bible into the German language. Based on the document, how might this new invention have helped the Protestant Reformation to spread? \_\_\_\_\_
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### DOCUMENT #3

“For us, the Church was always something that we secretly hated. The bishops, cardinals, and sometimes the Pope were always demanding that we pay more and more taxes to the Church, and we had to obey their orders otherwise we would be excommunicated. Martin Luther helped us to keep our power and our money. For that, we will always support him.”

Prince Ofbelair, German Prince

3. According to this document, why would German princes support the Protestant Reformation? \_\_\_\_\_

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### DOCUMENT #4

“After many years of watching our local church, we found it very easy to become Protestants. Our old church had a priest who was absent from Mass at least twice a week, and when he was there, he did not know what he was talking about. I asked him once how he became a priest and he said that his father had bought him the title. After I heard that, I instantly became a believer in the teachings in Martin Luther.”

Miss Gusted, German churchgoer

4. According to this document, why did the Protestant Reformation spread so easily throughout Europe? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer the following multiple choice questions below by placing the correct answer in the space provided.**

5. \_\_\_\_\_ An important effect of the Protestant Reformation in Europe was that it strengthened the  
a. power of monarchies  
b. power of the pope  
c. belief in polytheism  
d. unity of Europe
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Which was a result of the Protestant Reformation in Europe?  
a. The Catholic Church accepted the dominance of the new Protestant religions in Italy, France, and Germany.  
b. Spain became a predominately Protestant nation.  
c. Catholic Church leaders refused to make any changes in Church practices.  
d. The power of the Catholic Church in Europe was weakened.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The Protestant Reformation and the European Renaissance were similar in that both  
a. discouraged the growth of strong monarchs  
b. encouraged people to question tradition  
c. were led by the military  
d. supported the return of the Roman Empire
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Which action could be considered an effect of the Protestant Reformation?  
a. posting of the Ninety-Five Theses  
b. decline in the power of the Roman Catholic Church  
c. sale of indulgences  
d. end of religious warfare