## Unit: 3 Renaissance, Reform, and Rise of the State

## **Impact of the Reformation on Western Civilization**

## Changing cultural values, traditions, and philosophies

- Growth of secularism
- Growth of individualism
- Eventual growth of religious tolerance

## **Role of the printing press**

- Growth of literacy was stimulated by the Gutenberg printing press.
- The Bible was printed in English, French, and German.
- These factors had an important impact on spreading the ideas of the Reformation and Renaissance.