

How It Started—Italy

- 1. Roman Catholic Church became corrupt
- 2. Sold indulgences, made people mad
- 3. Too many Italians = people from HRE and England mad
- 4. Merchants upset over usury
- 5. Jan Hus and John Wycliffe are early dissenters
- 6. Dissenter = person who complains
- 7. Both are killed publicly to make an example
- 8. Pope and RCC slowly begin to lose power

IT GETS POLITICAL

Protestant Reformation Spreads—HRE

- 1. Gutenberg's printing press is spreading ideas
- 2. Bible printed in English, French, and German
- 3. Luther begins to question the church, writes 95 Theses
- 4. Luther leaves RCC, creates Lutheran Church
- 5. Princes in Northern Germany convert, become Lutherans (Protestants)
- 6. Ends the authority of the pope, increases their own power
- 7. Official ruling family, Hapsburgs, stay loyal to the pope
- 8. War breaks out—30 Years War, Catholics vs. Protestants

It Gets Political—France

- 1. Some people in France become Protestants —> Calvinists
- 2. These French Calvinists are called Huguenots
- 3. Catholic monarchy (king) grants them freedom of worship
- 4. Does this with Edict of Nantes
- 5. Cardinal Richelieu, advisor to the king, pushes France into the war
- 6. France is officially Catholic with a few Protestants
- 7. Join the Protestant side
- 8. 30 Years War no longer about religion
- 9. It is about politics—Bourbons vs. Hapsburgs
- 10. Protestants win, sign Peace of Westphalia
- 11. RCC still the strongest, but weaker than they once were

