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A Level History *Activity 3*

Pre-reformation England

In A Level History you will explore conflict and the reformation in Tudor England. In this task, we are asking you to explore the church in pre-reformation England to gain an understanding of the key corruptions and criticisms leading to the break away from Rome.



Your first task is to watch this BBC documentary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8PSbdy61yI>

After watching the documentary, answer the following questions:

1. What did the Roman Catholic Church control?
2. What was the church's main power?
3. How could you reduce your time in purgatory?
4. When did Martin Luther denounce the scandal of indulgences?
5. What invention helped Luther to achieve more religious debate?
6. How did Luther's enemies describe the popularity of his publications?
7. How did the Pope respond to word about Luther's complaints?
8. How were Luther's methods of spreading debate about the Church different to More and Erasmus?
9. In 1520, the Roman Catholic Church published its own pamphlet. What did it threaten Martin Luther with?
10. What did Luther do with the papal bull?
11. Who warned Wolsey about the dangers of Martin Luther?
12. What took place 12th May 1521?
13. Who preached a sermon at this event?
14. What was the English title of Henry VIII's manuscript?
15. Who sees himself as Luther's principal opponent?
16. What was published in September 1522?
17. When was the term 'Protestant' coined?
18. Why did the world insist on keeping the Bible in Latin according to William Tyndale?
19. In what year was Tyndale's translated Bible secretly printed?
20. Roughly, how many copies of Tyndale's Bible were printed?
21. Who is referred to as the femme fatale of the English Reformation?
22. Who was Catherine of Aragon the widow of?
23. Which book of the Bible claimed, 'if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing'?
24. When did Charles V sack Rome?
25. Who was referred to as 'more Lutheran than Luther' by the Spanish ambassador?
26. Which book did Ann Boleyn give to Henry?
27. What Act was passed in 1533?
28. Who was Henry's most prominent victim?

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