# The Reformation

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**Target audience – World history learners**

**Time required – 15 minutes**

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**Standards**

C3: D2.His.1.9-12. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place, as well as broader historical contexts.


**Learning Outcomes**

- Students will compare and contrast the geography of Christianity in Europe in 1560, 1600, and today.
- Students will identify and explain the effects of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation.

**Map URL:** [http://esriurl.com/worldHistoryGeoInquiry4](http://esriurl.com/worldHistoryGeoInquiry4)

## Ask

**Where did the Reformation begin?**

- Click the URL above to launch the map.
- Open and read the map note located in Germany.
- Who started the Protestant Reformation? [Martin Luther]
- Why is the map note located at the All Saints Church? [Location of Luther’s “The 95 Theses”]

## Acquire

**Where did the Protestant Reformation spread?**

- With the Details button depressed, click the button, Contents.
- Select the checkbox to the left of the layer, Dominant Religions 1560
- With the Details button depressed, click the button, Legend.
- How far had Lutheranism spread by 1560? [Germany and Northern Europe]
- With the Details button depressed, click the button, Contents.
- Select the checkbox to the left of the layer, Minority Religions 1560. Study the layer’s legend.
- What other Protestant faiths had emerged by 1560? [Anglicanism and Calvinism]
- Where was Anglicanism predominant? [England]
- Where was Calvinism concentrated? [Switzerland and Scotland]

## Explore

**How did the Catholic Church respond?**

- With the Details button depressed, click the button, Contents.
- Turn off layers, Minority Religions and Dominant Religions.
- Open and read the note located in Northern Italy.
- What event started the Counter-Reformation? [The Council of Trent]
- Besides this meeting, what other steps were part of the Catholic response? [Inquisition, missions, and reform]
- Open and read the map note located in France.
- Who founded the Jesuits? [Ignatius of Loyola]
- Turn on the layer, Jesuit Missions – 16th & 17th Century. As above, turn on the Legend if needed.
- Click the button, Bookmarks. Choose Jesuit Missions.
- Where did the Jesuits establish missions? [The Americas, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia]
- Why do you think they traveled there? [To convert non-Christians to Catholicism]
- Turn off the layer, Jesuit Missions – 16th & 17th Century.
Analyze

How did the Spanish Inquisition vary from place to place?

- Open and read the map note located in Spain.
- Turn on the Inquisitions Tribunals layer. Choose the Bookmark, Americas.
- What patterns do you notice? [Most tribunals were on the Iberian Peninsula and in New Spain.]
- Update the Tribunals layer symbology to symbolize Number of Executions by Counts and Amounts (Size).
- What patterns do you notice? [Number of executions higher in Europe than Americas. Highest is 250.]

Act

What evidence of these movements do you see in the world today?

- Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Europe.
- Turn off the layer, Tribunals. Turn on the layer, Religion in Europe, 1600.
- What patterns do you notice? [France and the Holy Roman Empire both have Protestant and Catholic faiths; both movements were successful]
- How does the religious geography of Europe reflect past events? [England and Northern Europe are mostly Protestant; Italy, France, and Poland are mostly Catholic]
- Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Americas.
- What is the religious geography of the Americas? What patterns do you notice? [Central America, South America, NE US, E. Canada - Catholic; Southeast and Midwest US – Protestant; Canada - Protestant]
- What other historical events, besides the Protestant Reformation and Counter-Reformation, helped shape the geography of religion in the Americas? [European colonization and immigration]

TURN A MAP LAYER ON AND OFF

- Make sure that the Details pane is selected, and click Show Contents Of Map.
- To show individual map layers, select the check boxes next to the layer names.
- Hint: If a map layer name is light gray, zoom in or out on the map until the layer name is black. The layer can now be turned on.

SYMBOLIZE A LAYER

- To the left of the map, click Details and then click the Show Contents Of Map button.
- Point to a layer name, and click the Change Style button.
- Choose an attribute to be mapped, and select a drawing style.
- When you are finished, click Done.

Next Steps

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THEN TRY THIS...
- Explore The Muslim World story map from Esri at http://esriurl.com/Geo4203.
- Create a Map Journal highlighting five to seven key events from the Reformation or Counter-Reformation.

TEXT REFERENCES

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in sections of chapters from these high school texts.

- World History by Prentice Hall — Chapter 13
- World History: The Human Journey by Holt — Chapter 6
- World History by Glencoe — Chapter 12
- World History: Patterns of Interaction by McDougal Littell — Chapter 17