



# The Reformation

from the Esri GeoInquiries™ collection for World History

Target audience – World history learners

Time required – 15 minutes

## Activity

Explore the effects of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation.

## 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.  
**C3: D2.His.14.9-12.** Analyze multiple and complex causes and effects of past events.

## 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>

## 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 underlined, click the button, Show Content.
- 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.

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## 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).  
.*[See the Symbolize a Layer tip below for details.]*
- ? 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*