

The Reformation Period



My name is Martin Luther. In 1517, I advocated reforming the Catholic Church – ridding it of corruption. Little did I know that I would touch off a revolution.

The Catholic Church undergoes its own Reformation – reexamining its institutions. A heavy value is placed on education.

King Henry VIII of England replaces the pope as Head of the Church in England. The English Church is still Catholic in appearance, only without papal influence.

After the death of Henry VIII the English Church becomes more “Protestant,” rejecting many Catholic traditions.

Roman Catholic Church

King Henry VIII denounces Martin Luther and is awarded the title “Defender of the Faith” by the pope. Ironic . . .

New churches rejecting Roman control form. These “protest” churches (hence “protestant”) had major differences concerning the relationship between Christians and God.

Protestant Churches began to form as new interpretations of faith are developed. Waterdown is home to many different denominations that formed during this time: Anglican, Lutheran, Baptist, etc.

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