

# WORLD 5-1

## REFORMATION: PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH

NOTE: Unless you have earned the MAGIC QUILL power-up, these notes must be COPIED ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>Doubts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When the Mongols took over China they reopened the Silk Road.</li><li>• As a result, ideas from China spread to Europe.</li><li>• Europeans felt inferior</li></ul> <p><b>The Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading led people to see that some church teachings went <i>against</i> the Bible.</li><li>• The behavior of some priests during the Black Death gave people doubt.</li><li>• And remember... The Church is powerful and excommunicates, tortures, and sometimes kills people who disagree.</li></ul> <p><b>Catholicism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authority from Bible <i>and</i> tradition</li><li>• 7 sacraments</li><li>• Salvation earned through good works</li><li>• Only clergy have say in church matters.</li><li>• Mass in Latin.</li></ul> <p><b>Reasons for Reform</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Corruption – acting badly and unfairly</li><li>2. Discrimination – treating certain groups badly</li><li>3. Money – using the church’s power to get rich.</li></ol> <p><b>The Inquisition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was basically a religious court whose goal was to “save” people from going against the church.</li><li>• But how could they get people to change their beliefs?</li><li>• People were tortured until they gave in and changed their mind.</li><li>• If they would not give in they could be burned at the stake.</li><li>• This was all in the name of God.</li></ul> <p><b>Money Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Church (especially the pope) spent tons of money on entertainment and vast building projects.</li><li>• Tithes and donations were not enough to satisfy the church’s greed.</li><li>• They came up with new ways to make money from the people.</li></ul>

**Priests for Pay**

- Priests made a lot of money and weren't taxed (good deal).
- People wanted this job, so the church made money by selling it (People paid to become priests).
- The result: Some priests didn't know much about the Bible.

**Indulgences**

- The Church taught that Christians had to work off their sin in purgatory before going to Heaven.
- They sold indulgences, papers promising to shorten time in purgatory.
- It seemed like they were selling tickets to Heaven.