

Outcome 5.2: explain factors that contributed to a change in worldview in the late Middle Ages.

Read pp. 101-102 and pp. 106-109 to learn about the influence of the Protestant Reformation.

1. **Significance:** What was the most important consequence of the invention of Gutenberg’s printing press? Explain your choice.

2. **Cause and Consequence:** Choose two of the factors below that you think were most important in causing people to seek reform (change) in the Church. Explain your choices.

Causes of the Reformation			
Social	Political	Economic	Religious
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Renaissance values of humanism and secularism led people to question the Church. • The printing press helped to spread ideas critical of the Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerful monarchs challenged the Church as the supreme power in Europe. • Many leaders viewed the pope as a foreign ruler and challenged his authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European princes and kings were jealous of the Church’s wealth. • Merchants and others resented having to pay taxes to the Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Church leaders had become worldly and corrupt. • Many people found Church practices such as the sale of indulgences unacceptable.

3. **Knowledge:** Briefly describe the early calls for reform in the Church.

4. **Analyze:** What problems did Martin Luther have with Catholic Church practices? How did his teachings address these problems?

5. **Perspective:** How would each individual or group below have viewed Luther’s ideas?

Person or Group	Views on Luther’s Ideas
The Pope	
Emperor Charles V	
German Peasants	
German Princes / Nobles	

6. **Conclusion:** Do you think Luther would have been as successful if he had lived in the 1200s instead of the 1500s? Explain with reference to what you’ve learned in this outcome thus far.

7. **Significance:** Which contributed the most to changing the worldview of Western Europeans: the Renaissance or the Reformation? Develop two arguments that support your position.

