



Beginning of Reformation

Background

- Early 1500's
- The Church had problems
- Spread of Humanism brought people to demand change
- People upset
- Money being sent to Rome
- Indulgences sold for forgiveness

Heretics



- Heresy was high
- People burned at the stake

Martin Luther

- Major split in Germany
- Monk (Martin Luther) angered about indulgences for building St. Peter's
- Spoke out
- Renounced the power of pope and priests



Luther cont.



- Arrested and appeared at court of the Holy Roman Empire (Diet of Worms)
- Continued his interpretation of the bible

Repercussions in Germany

- Lutheranism took shape in Germany
- Luther's ideas spread quickly (Printing Press)
- Lutheran: More strictly biblical, not focused on who's in charge
- Rulers became Lutheran in hopes of getting church land
- Protestant: any Christian not Catholic or Eastern Orthodox
- Wars broke out