

History Topic: Religious Rollercoaster

Key Term	Meaning
Bishop	A man in charge of the affairs of the Christian Church over a large area called a diocese.
Catholic	A follower of Catholicism, one of the main forms of Christianity
Clergy	All the people, such as priests, monks, nuns who have been appointed to perform religious duties in the Christian Church.
Dissolution	The act of officially breaking up an organisation. Used to describe the time when Henry VIII closed all the monasteries in England.
Excommunicate	To expel from the Catholic Church. A very serious punishment. Not allowed to go to Church or receive the sacraments.
Indulgences	You could "buy" these from a Bishop. They helped a person pass through purgatory more quickly.
Latin	Official language of the Roman Empire, and later the Catholic Church.
The Pope	Leader of the Catholic Church.
Priest	A man in charge of religious ceremonies for the Church.
Protestants	A group of Christians who protested against the Catholic Church and reformed it.
Purgatory	A place between heaven & hell. A person is believed to be punished in purgatory for any sins made while they were alive.
Religious Settlement	Made by Elizabeth in order to keep the peace between Catholics and Protestants.
Reformation	The name used to describe the changes or reforms made to the Catholic Church in the 16 th century, mainly by Henry VII and his son King Edward VI.
Recusant	A Catholic who refused to accept the authority of the Church of England.

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Treason	A crime against the king or queen.

Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms off by heart!