



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

History (Early Modern) A Level

Purpose of task: To gain an understanding of the key individuals and key terminology for our course.

Recommended resources:

www.historylearningsite.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/history
www.history.com

Task:

European History

Section A: Compulsory

1. Research the following about Martin Luther (NB not Martin Luther King):
 - a) Where and when was he born?
 - b) What did he become? (eg. Farmer, Lord, monk?)
 - c) Why was he unhappy about some practices in the Catholic church?
 - d) What were the '95 theses'?
 - e) Why were these significant?
2. Research the following about John Calvin
 - a) Where and when was he born?
 - b) Where did he move to and why?
 - c) What did he establish?
3. How were Calvin's ideas different from Luther's? Try to make three points.
4. Write down definitions for the following terms:



Reformation	Predestination
Catholic	Piety
Pope	Zealot
Holy Roman Empire	Heresy
Calvinism	Reprobate
Transubstantiation	Elect

Section B: Optional

Visits to help get you in the 16th/17th century mindset:

A Catholic church – are there any statues or decorations? What impression do you get?

Village/town churches (Church of England/Protestant) – as above. What differences do you notice between Catholic and Protestant (Church of England or other Christian denomination) churches?

Montacute House in Somerset and Sherborne Castle in Dorset are excellent examples of how the gentry (rich) people at this time lived. What do you notice about the architecture and grounds? How different do you think the houses of ordinary village people would be?

Any buildings that date from the late 1500s or early 1600s would be worth visiting.

Please keep notes of your visits.

Additional information:

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