

## **Middle Ages Through Reformation Homework Questions**

Remember that all questions are worth two points. In order to get both points you must restate the question at the beginning of your answer. Do **NOT** use pronouns ever. All parts of the question must be thoroughly and completely answered to get full credit.

1. To what extent should religious leaders influence and/or control government? Explain your response.
2. In the time of Charlemagne, why does the Catholic Church develop so many rules that aren't based in the Bible?
3. Why is the Feudal Pyramid wrong?
4. What is your evaluation of feudalism as a political system?
5. Should any religious organization have the power to punish their members? (Financially, physically, including and up to death)
6. Why are the Crusades significant?
7. What is the influence of the Magna Carta on American democracy today?
8. How did the English develop representative democracy?
9. Compare and contrast the Bubonic Plague of the 14<sup>th</sup> century with the pandemic of 2020.
10. Why does the Bubonic Plague have such a dramatic influence on European culture?
11. What is the significance of the Hundred Years' War?
12. How does Joan of Arc, a teenage peasant girl, become the most important figure of the Hundred Years' War?
13. What is the significance of the Avignon Papacy?
14. Why is the Great Schism so devastating to the Roman Catholic Church?
15. Why is the Roman Catholic Church able to survive the Great Schism?
16. Why had the Church of the Middle Ages drifted so far from the teachings of Jesus Christ?
17. Evaluate the success of Wyclif and Hus in reforming the Church.
18. Why would Erasmus be considered a hypocrite?
19. Why did Henry VIII execute Thomas More?
20. Assuming a heaven exists, how do you believe it is determined if one gets to go there?
21. Why does Luther have almost no supporters by the end of his life?
22. How did Luther decide on the changes he made to the Catholic faith when developing Lutheranism?
23. Despite the fact that all Protestant armies were defeated by the Holy Roman Emperor, how does Protestantism survive?
24. How do the Anabaptists survive when they are unwilling to conform and unwilling to fight?
25. Why is Anglicanism considered a "political" faith?
26. Why doesn't Bloody Mary kill Elizabeth when she has the chance?
27. Is the concept of predestination correct? If so, does that mean we have no free will? If not, does that mean there are things God does not know? Defend your response.
28. Why is education so important to the Reformation?
29. Why are the Jesuits known as "the soldiers of Jesus"?
30. Do you believe the reforms of the Counter Reformation were sufficient? Defend your response.