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Ideas have consequences—The Reformation

Objective: Students will demonstrate an understanding of how the fact that ideas have consequences is evident in the history of the Reformation.

Materials

Primary sources (see list at end)

Lesson

1. The idea—hand out primary source (e.g. 95 theses)
2. Explain what it is that we are looking at
3. This is the idea—what might be a consequence of this idea, both for those who hold to it, and those who might oppose it?
4. What really did happen? (primary source—e.g. The *Twelve Articles* of the Peasants)
5. How did this idea lead to this consequence? Discuss as a class

Practice

1. Hand out another, related primary source—either idea or consequence (e.g. play *The Children of Eve*)
2. Determine if primary source is an idea or a consequence and figure out what the other might be. (say consequence in this case—idea would be that wives must be submissive to husbands, children must be instructed in their hymns, etc.)
3. Explain how the consequence resulted from the idea (Why did Hans Sachs write this play? What other consequences might have resulted from this idea?)

Ideas have Consequences—I have tried to show the worst (and undoubtedly, unintended) consequences of the ideas

Pre-Reformation Catholicism

Ideas—purgatory

Consequences—Tetzel selling indulgences

Luther

Ideas—95 Theses

Consequences—Peasant's War, 30 Years War

Calvin

Ideas—Discipline

Consequences—burning of Servetus

Anabaptists

Ideas—Separation of Church and State

Consequences—Pacifism, rejection of much technology, intense persecution

**Church buildings**

A brief list of primary sources that we have already received as handouts

Catholic primary sources

- Photos of church interiors
- The Little Flowers of St. Francis
- Charters or statutes of schools

Lutheran primary sources

- Church interiors
- Woodcuts
- 95 theses
- The *Twelve Articles* of the Peasants
- The Children of Eve play
- Quotes of Luther

Reformed primary sources

- Consistory cases—Geneva
- Consistory cases—Stirling, Scotland
- Drawings/Photos of iconoclasm
- Drawings/Photos of church interiors
- Scottish Psalter
- Letter from Calvin to woman whose husband remained a Catholic
- Synod of Vertueil
- Excerpt of Calvin's sermon on Micah
- Charters or statutes of schools
- Calvin's *Institutes*

Anabaptist primary sources

- Schleitheim Confession
  - woodcuts
- The Trial and Martyrdom of Michael Sattler