

Reformation and Renaissance History

Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00

Grade Level: 7-9

Teacher: Kim Lackey

Student Fee: \$50

Class Size: 16

This course will introduce the student to perhaps the most important and vibrant period in the history of Western civilization: the Reformation and Renaissance. We will begin in the late medieval period and continue through the 18th century and the birth of modernity. This era includes Martin Luther's bold call for reformation that shook the Christian church; the renewed interest in scholarship, science, and culture that produced some of the West's best art, architecture, music and literature; and the age of exploration when fearless men set out for new lands. Students will explore the period's people, events, culture, and ideas, making connections between historical occurrences, tracing the growth of modern society, and learning how the West definitively became the most dominant and advanced culture on the globe.

Class Time Will Include:

- Lecture and Powerpoint slides
- Discussion of assigned books
- Discussion of relevant historical events
- Some class time will be dedicated to instruction on writing a research paper.

Homework:

- Given the brief classroom time, learning the material is almost completely dependent on reading the assigned books. Please allot an hour or more per school day for reading.
- One 3-5 page research paper will be assigned.
- Short answer or essay questions about the reading will also be assigned.
- Tests and quizzes will be given in class.

*****Book selections are not final. Please do not purchase until I've emailed you the final list.***

Books under consideration:

- The Revolt: A Novel of Wycliffe's England by Douglas Bond
- A Plymouth Pilgrim: William Bradford's Eyewitness Account of the Mayflower Passengers by Donald White
- When Lightning Struck! The Story of Martin Luther by Danika Cooley
- Elizabeth I, the People's Queen: Her Life and Times by Kerrie Logan Hollihan
- Lenoardo da Vinci for Kids: His Life and Ideas by Janis Herbert
- The Children of Henry VIII by John Guy
- The Reformation: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World by Stephen Nichols
- The Story of Liberty by Charles Coffin
- Michelangelo for Kids: His Life and Ideas
- Courage and Conviction: Chronicles of the Reformation Church by Brandon Withrow
- First Voyage to America: From the Log of the "Santa Maria" by Christopher Columbus
- Nine Days a Queen: The Short Life and Reign of Lady Jane Grey by Ann Rinaldi
- John Calvin: After Darkness Light by Catherine MacKenzie
- An Age of Voyages, 1350-1600 by Merry Wiesner-Hanks
- An Age of Empires, 1200-1750 by Marjorie Bingham
- Everyday Life in Renaissance Times by Antony Mason

Class Supplies:

Students will need a one- or two-inch binder and pencils.