

LUTHER THE LEADER

High School Study Guide Answer Key

Chapter 1

1. Give at least two details regarding Martin Luther's early days as a student.
Accept any of the following: Luther's parents were well-meaning but harsh. He was beaten at his first school, so his parents sent him to a school in another town for which they had no money to pay. Luther had to sing or beg for food.

Chapter 2

2. Choose two events leading up to Luther's decision to quit his law studies to become a monk instead.
Accept any of the following: (1) At the university, Luther found a Bible and read it for the first time, (2) the story of Samuel's calling spoke to him, and (3) he was almost struck by lightning on his way back to the university, which he considered a sign from God.

Chapter 3

3. List ways Luther punishes himself to try to work his way into heaven.
He deprived himself of food and lashed himself.
4. Reflection: Do people today still try to earn salvation? Explain.
Answers will vary.
5. Provide a scripture reference which addresses the idea of earning salvation.
Answers will vary. Some possibilities are Eph. 2:8-9, Galatians 2:16, Romans 5:1-2
6. What realization frees Luther from his incessant attempts to rid himself of his sins?
Worrying about and punishing himself for his sins after God had forgiven him for them was "lack of faith in God's promises".

Chapter 4

7. A German prince, Frederick the Elector, completed a new church. The church housed a display of "five thousand relics of the saints". What bothers Luther about this display?
The people were told that adoring the relics would help them be saved.
8. Describe Luther's experiences in the Italian monasteries during his trip to Rome.
He was shocked by their luxurious living and lazy ways. When he confronted them, they poisoned his food so that he became too ill to travel.
9. What flashes through Luther's mind when he was on his knees, halfway up the staircase said to be the very one that Jesus descended on his way to be crucified?
The Bible verse, "The just shall live by faith".
10. How does Pope Leo X plan to raise \$ to build St. Peter's Basilica?
He planned to sell indulgences in every part of Germany.
11. Briefly summarize the story of John Tetzel's attempt to raise money to build St. Peter's Basilica by selling pardons and indulgences in Germany. Use evidence from the text to support the claim that the story is a great example of situational irony.
At their request, Tetzel sold two criminals pardons for a robbery they had not yet committed. Two days later the men robbed him of the money he had collected selling indulgences. When apprehended, the men showed the written record of the pardons they had purchased in advance from Tetzel; therefore, Tetzel could not charge them for the crime he had already pardoned them for.

Chapter 5

12. What is Luther doing on All Saints Day morning?
Nailing to the church door his 95 reasons why he felt the church was in error.
13. In light of Luther's 95 theses, why is the Pope personally angry?
Luther's theses would affect the sale of indulgences which in turn would affect the Pope's plan to build St. Paul's cathedral in Rome. (The completion of the cathedral would make the pope's name great/remembered.)
14. Why does Luther not go to Rome to answer the charges laid against him by the Pope?
As a German citizen, he has a right to a trial in his own country.

15. What does Cardinal Cajetan tell Luther in regard to the pope and the meaning of scripture?
In Augsburg, Cardinal Cajetan tells Luther that, "The pope can change the meaning of the scripture any time he pleases."
16. What effect does Luther's 95 theses have on the sale of indulgences in Germany during the winter after he meets with Cardinal Cajetan?
Sales stop.
17. In your opinion, should the leaders of the church oversee defining "truth", or do the scriptures themselves do that job? In other words, what is the *source* of God's will for mankind: church leadership or the Bible? Include a scripture reference to support your stance.
Answers will vary.
18. At the end of Chapter 6, what does Luther burn outside Wittenburg?
The papal bull (the announcement from the Pope declaring Luther a heretic and commanding everyone to burn his books.)

Chapter 6

19. Copy *one* of Luther's responses to the warnings not to go to the Diet of Worms.
Acceptable answers:
(1) "Though they should kindle a fire all the way from Worms to Wittenberg, the flames of which reached to heaven, I would walk through it in the name of the Lord."
(2) "Even should there be as many devils in Worms as tiles on the housetops, still I would enter it."
20. Describe how Luther spends his last night before his appearance before the Diet of Worms.
He pours out his heart to God.

Chapter 7

21. Copy one of Luther's friends' encouraging messages to him before the Diet of Worms.
Accept any of the following:
(1) "You are about to fight a battle fiercer than any I or might knights have ever faced; but if God be with you, then have no fear."
(2) "Fear not them which can destroy the body, but have no power over the soul."
(3) "Take no thought what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that hour what ye should speak."
22. The first time the Diet commands Luther to recant all of his writings, Luther asks for time to consider his answer. How much time does the Diet give Luther to think over the charges against him?
24 hours
23. What are the three classes of books Luther has written to which the Diet refers?
(1) Books that explain the Bible, (2) books that explain the evils of the church and the Papacy, and (3) books against his enemies.
24. Record Luther's final answer (now famous words) to the Diet of Worms after his time to reconsider/recant his books:
"Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!"

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25. Describe why and how Luther is taken to Wartburg Castle.
Luther's good friend Elector Frederick wants Luther in a safe place after the Diet of Worms, so he arranges for some of his knights to kidnap Luther on the way back to Wittenberg and hide him in Wartburg Castle.
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27. Describe how Luther spends his time at Wartburg Castle.
Accept any of the following: (1) He writes tracts, (2) translates the New Testament into German, and (3) has several experiences with the devil which did not shake him.

Chapter 9

28. Describe at least two effects of Luther's writings translated into French, Flemish, English and Spanish.
Accept any of the following: (1) people discussed Luther's work everywhere, (2) monks left monasteries and preached Luther's doctrines, and (3) three of them were burned at the stake.
29. Describe at least two effects of Luther's works in Germany. How does it change the way people live and worship? (

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30. What famous hymn does Luther write in 1529 just before the council at Spire?

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31. Finish the response of the Lutheran princes to the Catholic princes at Spire: "In matters pertaining to the heart and conscience, we cannot obey the laws of the emperor.

"We must obey God rather than man."

32. What are Lutherans called after the council at Spire?

Protestants

33. What does the Augsburg Confession of Faith achieve?

It is a clear statement of the differences between Protestant and Catholic beliefs. p.80

Chapter 10

34. Describe how Luther rescues eight nuns who are forbidden to leave their convent but who, like many monks, want to leave the Catholic way of life, get married, and lead useful lives.

Luther arranges for the nuns to be smuggled out of the convent in the back of a merchant's wagon behind some barrels and transported to Wittenberg.

35. Briefly explain how Katherine von Bora becomes Martin Luther's wife.

When Katherine is asked why she refused an apparently good suitor, she says she was looking for someone more upstanding, and she would not refuse a proposal from Luther's friend, Nicholas van Amsdorf, or from Luther himself. This startles Luther into thinking about marriage for himself and eventually leads to his proposal to Katherine.

Chapter 11

36. How does Luther spend his time during his final years?

Luther and Katherine have six children who he taught to sing and for whom he writes more music, including the hymn Away in the Manger.

POST-READING Application Questions

37. Because most people during the middle ages could not read the Word of God for themselves, the church began to subject its people to unscriptural traditions and practices. List as many instances of this fact from the book as you can.

Responses may include, among other things, (1) the sale of pardons, (2) the sale of indulgences, and (3) the creation of monasteries and convents.

38. Reflection (3 sentence minimum): Though people today have the Word of God in their own language, many are too busy or just uninterested in reading it for themselves. Because of this, are people today as much danger of being led into harmful traditions and false doctrines as people were in Luther's time? Explain your answer using examples, analogies, observations, or personal experience.

Answers will vary.

39. Reflection (3 sentence minimum): Read the following stanza from the hymn "Rock of Ages" and discuss how it relates to the life and work of Martin Luther. Use examples from his life.

*Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.*

Answers will vary and may include comments regarding Luther's time in the monastery denying himself food and lashing himself, and his 95 theses which outlined the ways in which the church had convinced people that their own works/money could save them or their loved ones.

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