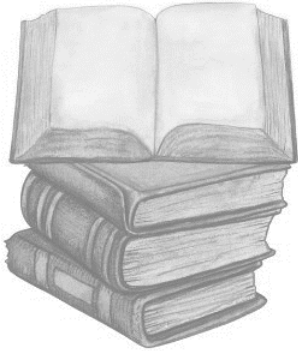


LUTHER THE LEADER

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Middle School Study Guide



CHAPTER 1 SCHOOL DAYS FOR MARTIN

1. Describe Martin Luther's early days as a student.

CHAPTER 2 THE FLASH FROM HEAVEN

2. Describe one thing that led to Luther's decision to quit his law studies to become a monk instead.

CHAPTER 3 STRUGGLES IN THE MONASTERY

3. How does Luther punish himself to try to work his way into heaven?
4. *Reflection:* Do people today still try to earn salvation? Explain.
5. What realization frees Luther from his incessant attempts to rid himself of his sins?



CHAPTER 4 A VISIT TO ROME

6. A German prince, Frederick the Elector, completed a new church. The church housed a display of "five thousand relics of the saints". What bothered Luther about this display?
7. Describe Luther's experiences in the Italian monasteries during his trip to Rome.
8. Use the banner to the right to record the sentence that flashes through Luther's mind when he is on his knees, halfway up the staircase said to be the very one that Jesus descended on his way to be crucified.



9. How does Pope Leo X plan to raise \$ to build St. Peter's Basilica?

CHAPTER 5 THE SOUND OF HAMMER BLOWS

10. What is Luther doing on All Saints Day morning?

11. Why does Luther not go to Rome to answer the charges laid against him by the Pope?

12. Complete Cardinal Cajetan's comment to Luther at Augsburg: "The pope can _____ the meaning of the _____ any time he pleases."

13. What effect does Luther's 95 theses have on the sale of indulgences in Germany during the winter after he meets with Cardinal Cajetan?

14. At the end of Chapter 5, what does Luther burn outside Wittenburg?



CHAPTER 6 SUMMONED BY THE EMPEROR

15. Describe how Luther spends his last night before his appearance before the Diet of Worms.

CHAPTER 7 "HERE I STAND"

16. 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?

17. Use the banner to the left to record Luther's final answer (now famous words) to the Diet of Worms after his time to reconsider/recant his books.

CHAPTER 8 WHERE IS LUTHER?

18. Describe why and how Luther is taken to Wartburg Castle.

19. What alias is Luther given in hiding?

20. Describe how Luther spends his time at Wartburg Castle.



CHAPTER 9 LUTHER RIDES OUT THE STORM

21. Describe an effect of the Reformation in Germany. How does it change the way people live and worship?

22. What famous hymn does Luther write in 1529 just before the council at Spires?

23. Finish the response of the Lutheran princes to the Catholic princes at Spires: "In matters pertaining to the heart and conscience, we cannot obey the laws of the emperor. We must obey _____ rather than _____."

CHAPTER 10 WEDDING BELLS

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



25. Which of the nuns does Luther decide to marry?

CHAPTER 11 MARTIN LUTHER GOES HOME

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