**Analyze the Causes of the Reformation? (This will be on the WEEBLY- Reformation Page)**

* **Be able to discuss the following question.**

**Was the Reformation Preventable? Which classes were quick to adopt the Reformation, Why?**

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| Social | Political | Religious | Intellectual | Economic |
| Social classes desired improvement  religious freedom and toleration inspired people who perceived themselves as subjects rather than free citizens  Protestantism- Lacked social class structure | Cities/ urban centers  Guild attached to freedom  Decentral German- Princes/ Imperial free cities looked to use the Reformation for Political/ economic benefits  1529 – the poor leadership of Clement VII and the sack of Rome  Wars of Charles V (1500-1556) Weakness/ power divided   * + - 1. Valois-Habsburg Struggle       2. Turkish Expansion – Suliaman the Magnificent (1520-66)       3. The War against the League of Schmalkalden (Protestant) -   (1546-47) - victorious, but not conclusive. | Catholic Church  characterized by corruption and gluttony:  **simony:** sale of church offices  **pluralism**: **absenteeism**:  **sale of indulgences**: -John Tetzel  **nepotism**  Moral decline of the papacy(1490-1530)  **Pope Alexander VI**  **Julius II**  **Leo X** | Skepticism  thirteenth century reforms: Lollards and Hussites  Printing Press- printers’ guild benefitted as they printed propaganda  **Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471), *The Imitation of Christ* (c. 1418)**  Encouraged Christians to live simply and make religion a personal experience  Christian humanists of the Northern Renaissance criticized the church  **Erasmus**  **Julius at the Gates of Heaven- a dialaog of Pope Julius be denied from heaven**  **In Praise of Folly** (1513)-Criticized the corruption in the church and the hypocrisy of the clergy  • **“Erasmus laid the egg that Luther hatched.”**  Humanists-Luther, Eramus, Zinwgli, Calvin  95 theses | The Church was one of the largest land owners in each of the Nations (target for wealth- Henry VIII)-  Internal Expansion- to compete with the west. - Church owned 20% of Germany’s land.  Loss of $ to Rome |

* + Luther Web Luther published three famous pamphlets
    - *Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*
      * tried to convince the German nobility to the political and economic power of the Church
    - *Babylonian Captivity of the Church*
      * argued that baptism and Eucharist were the only two sacraments mentioned in scripture
    - *Freedom of a Christian*
      * belief in salvation through faith alone

Time line of Reformation

95 theses, Diet of Worms,