# Unit Y207: THE GERMAN REFORMATION AND THE RULE OF CHARLES V 1500-1559

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The German Reformation 1517-29** | 1 | 1 | Charles V’ inheritance and foreign problems | * Extent of Charles V’s rule over territories in Europe * Reasons for Charles’ large inheritance: Charles’ grandparents; nature of his fragmented empire * Charles’ aims on becoming Emperor * Degree of authority in Holy Roman Empire * Problems in Spain, France, Ottoman Empire | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
|  | 1-3 | The structure and state of the Holy Roman Empire; Charles V’s election as Holy Roman Emperor, The state of the Roman Catholic Church, Indulgences, | * Electors of the Holy Roman Empire * Imperial Free Cities * Imperial Diet * Catholic princes’ attitude to Charles V as Holy Roman Emperor * Problems of the Pope in Rome * primers and abuses in the church, particularly bishops and clergy * Burden of clerical taxation * Church practices: sacraments, Eucharist, penance and sin * Importance of religion in people’s lives in 1500 * Mysticism in popular culture | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |

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|  |  |  |  | * Ordinary people’s participation in the church: feast days, devotion, financial payments, relics * Ordinary people’s links to the church: spiritual, cultural, economic, pastoral * Impact of Renaissance on the church: Erasmus, Reuchlin, van Hutten * How indulgences worked |  |
|  | 4 | reactions to 95 theses, disputations | * Luther’s early life and beliefs * Luther’s objections to indulgences * The role of Teztel in Luther’s objections * Luther’s main criticisms in the theses, including anticlerical sentiments, corruption and salvation * Debate over Luther’s intentions in the theses * Koch’s rebuttal of Luther’s criticism * Response of Leo X * Luther’s meeting with Cajetan and Eck   + Burning of the Papal Bull | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
|  | 5 | Luther’s ideas and publications and the printing press | * Luther’s Three Great Works, the 1520 pamphlets * His beliefs about sacraments, salvation and justification by faith alone; views on the Bible, Catechisms; woodcuts * Luther’s views on the church, marriage, family and religious practices * Luther’s audience | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
|  | 6-8 | Papal excommunication 1520-21, the Diet of Worms, In hiding in the Wartburg, Luther’s relations with radicals and humanists, The Knights’ and Peasants’ Wars, Luther’s 1525 pamphlets | * Charles V’s invitation to Worms * Luther’s justification and Charles’ response * Luther’s reaction to outcome of Diet of Worms * Karlstadt’s takeover of Luther’s role and Luther’s reaction * Role of Melanchthon * Reasons for the Knights’ resentment, and result of their war * Causes of Peasants’ War * Tyrolean Constitution * Thomas Muentzer * Peasants’ use of Luther’s arguments (Twelve Articles) and his rebuttal in ‘Against the Thieving’ * Luther’s response to the war and its effect on his support | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
|  | 9-10 | Imperial Diets, views of German princes and cities, including Phillip of Hesse, Frederick the Wise, Augsburg, Nuremberg, | * Frederick the Wise’s actions and reasons behind them * Luther’s actions at Wartburg * Reasons for so many cities turning Protestant * Philip of Hesse’s League of Torgau | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
| **The spread of Lutheranism 1530-1555, the Schmalkaldic War and Peace of Augsburg** |  | 11 | The situation in 1529 | * Diet of Speyer * Marburg Colloquy * Extent of support for Lutheranism by 1529 in towns and cities; support and opposition by princes | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr |
|  | 12 | Areas accepting the Augsburg Confession, Melanchthon, Luther, Lutheran church leadership | * Key terms of confession and Saxony, Brandenburg, Nuremberg’s acceptance * Melanchthon’s aims for reconciliation and reasons for failure at Augsburg * Consequences of the Diet * Luther’s approval of resistance to Emperor | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell and Randell |
|  | 12-13 | Charles V’s problems elsewhere | * Suleiman the Magnificent’s advance into Europe * Habsburg-Valois Wars * Burgundian Problem * Loss of Wuerttemberg | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
|  | 13-14 | Opposing League, reconciliation attempts and leadership, the death of Luther | * Formation of the Schmalkaldic League: causes, members, strength * Peace of Nuremberg * Reasons for early success of League e.g. French support * Wittenberg Concord and Schmalkalden Articles * Colloquy of Regensburg * Reasons for failure at Regensburg * Signs of weakness in Schmalkaldic League, fall of Philip of Hesse * Charles’ policy after 1541: divide and rule * Impact of Luther’s death | *OCR History A The German Reformation 1517-55*, Armstrong  *Luther and the Reformation in Europe 1500-64*, Tarr and Randell |
| **Charles V’s relations with the Ottoman Empire** |  | 14-15 | The Schmalkaldic War, the Battle of Muehlberg, the Augsburg Interim, truces and shifting alliances including Maurice of Saxony, the Treaty of Chambord (1552), the Peace of Passau (1552) | * Causes of war * Reasons for Charles’ victory at Mühlberg * Charles’ attitude at Augsburg * Terms of the Treaty of Chambord * Maurice of Saxony’s betrayals and intrigue * Reasons for Peace of Passau cancelling Augsburg Interim | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 16 | Charles V’s flight from the Empire, the Peace of Augsburg 1555 | * Disunity of Habsburg family * Maurice of Saxony’s intervention and Charles’ intervention * Reasons for the compromise at Augsburg in 1555 * Key terms of compromise and conciliation * Extent of consolidation of Lutheranism in Germany by 1555 | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 17 | The situation in 1520 | * Ottoman incursions to Europe to 1520 * Relative strength of European and Ottoman power * Extent of Ottoman expansion into Europe * Algiers joins the Ottoman Empire * Battle of Oran 1518 | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 17-18 | Expansion of Ottoman power in the Balkans and Mediterranean, Charles V’s aims and actions against Barbarossa in the Mediterranean | * Effect of capture of Belgrade in 1521 * Battle of Mohacs and effect of Charles V * Formation of the Holy League * Attempt to create Habsburg-Persian alliance * Barbarossa’s coastal raids and diplomacy with France * Ottoman victory at Preveza | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
| **Charles V’s wars with France** |  | 18-19 | Impact on relations of: Charles V’s war with France, Ferdinand and Hungary, Siege of Vienna and the campaign of 1532 | * Reasons for failure of Siege of Vienna * Ferdinand’s peace with the Ottomans, the Treaty of Oradea * Treaty of Nagyvarad and reasons for its failure | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 20 | The situation in the 1540s, impact of problems in the Holy Roman Empire | * France’s alliance with Ottomans * Failure of Charles’ 1541 attempt to drive out the Turks * Siege of Nice 1543 * Charles’ alliance with Henry VIII * Ferdinand’s successes in 1547 | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 21 | The situation in the Habsburg-Valois wars in 1520 | * Personal rivalry of Francis I and Charles V * Leo X’s support for Francis | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 22 | The strengths and weaknesses of Charles’ empire and of France in relation to the war | * Imprisonment of Francis I * Treaty of Madrid * Francis’ and Charles’ alliances with other powers | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |
|  | 23-25 | The development of the war and warfare 1521-1559, extent of and reasons for Charles’ successes and failures, his foreign legacy on his abdication in 1555 and up to the Treaty of Cateau-Cambresis in 1559 | * Advances in military technology and tactics: infantry, cavalry, artillery, fortification * Battle of Pavia, League of Cognac * Sack of Rome and Treaty of Cambrai * Third war against France * Italian Wars of 1536-38, 1542-56 and 1551-59 * Truce of Crepy * Henry II’s strategies and tactics * Collapse of the Anglo-Habsburg alliance * Triumph of the Spanish over the German branch of the dynasty | *Clash of Empires: Europe 1498-1650*, Jones  *Europe 1450-1661* (Flagship), Murphy |

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