

REFORMATION & CIVIL WARS OF RELIGION IN 16THC FRANCE

- ✘ Essential Questions:
- ✘ What is the proper relationship between politics & religion?
- ✘ How did they interact in 16thc France?
- ✘ Where did the people of France look for meaning /belief?
- ✘ Are people willing to give up freedom of belief (thought) for civil order?
- ✘ What impact might 30+ years of religious civil war have on the above question?

16THC

- ✘ 16thc France-population 16 million (2x Spain, 4x England)
- ✘ Legally & culturally distinct provinces, but that is changing-1539 Ordinance requires all gov't docs in French
- ✘ Printing press expands literacy, decreases local dialects



POWERFUL FRENCH MONARCHY

- ✘ French kings have power to tax their citizens (vs England)
- ✘ French kings can tax ecclesiastical benefices, & a say in church official appointments
- ✘ French Kings have history of power struggles w/ Popes
- ✘ Fontainebleau palace for Francis I



RELIGION 16THC FRANCER

- ✘ 16thc expansion of priest & Catholic Church construction
- ✘ Most excommunications due to debt, no hurry to resolve unless person gravely ill
- ✘ People buy indulgences, worship @ shrines
- ✘ Cult of Virgin is popular



REFORMATION

- ✘ 1519 Luther's books arrive from Wittenberg
- ✘ Many German students & profs @ French Universities
- ✘ 1521 Parlement bans sale & possession of Luther's books
- ✘ 1520- Lefevre D'Etapes translates bible into French, by 1526 Parlement issues decree against reading scripture in French or questioning Catholic Faith

- ✘ Martin Luther



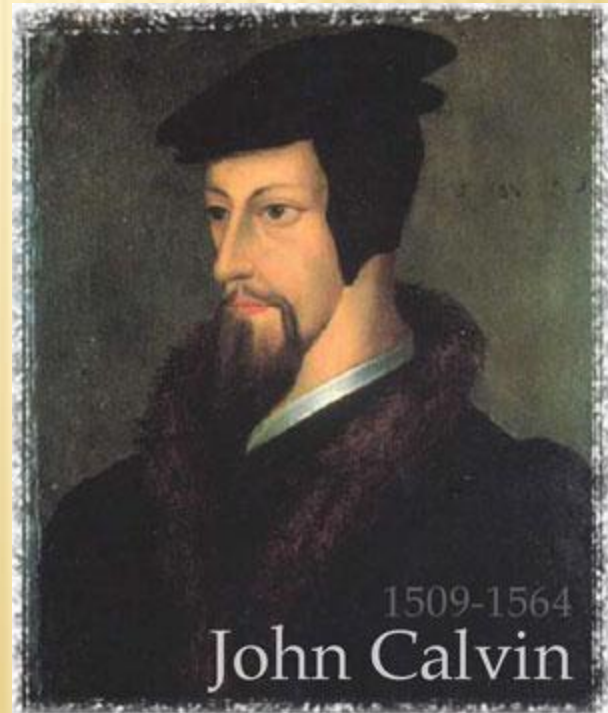
Reformation Europe (Late 16^c)



REFORMATION

- ✘ Protestant movements active in 1520's
- ✘ 1528 Radical Reformation in France, iconoclastic, deny cult status of Virgin & holy water etc
- ✘ Neuchatel Protestant & attacks on mass anger Francis I
- ✘ Calvin flees France
- ✘ 1545 French Army destroys 25 suspected villages
- ✘ Executions for heresy not uncommon

- ✘ John Calvin



Protestant Churches in France (Late 16^c)



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- ✘ 1540's-1550's Despite Gov't prohibitions ideas grow
 - ✘ 1559 French Reformation is Calvinist, city centered, literate, highly skilled people in large numbers- educated university community members & nobility will join
 - ✘ Huguenots (French Protestants)
 - ✘ Social & political Consensus dissolve
 - ✘ Tensions increase
 - ✘ 1572 Wedding between royal Princess Margot (Catholic) & Henry of Navarre (Huguenot)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY MASSACRE

- ✘ Huguenot leaders assembled in Paris for wedding
- ✘ Assassination attempt on Coligny (Huguenot)
- ✘ Tensions increase
- ✘ King orders his execution ---mob violence breaks out

- ✘ Murder of Coligny



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY MASSACRE BY DUBOIS 16THC



19THC 'MORNING OUTSIDE THE GATES'



OUTCOMES

- ✘ Henry of Navarre converts to Catholicism-
- ✘ 'Paris is worth a Mass'
- ✘ 'War of 3 Henrys'
- ✘ 90% of France Catholic
- ✘ 1598 Edict of Nantes allows degree of religious toleration for France
- ✘ 17thc portrait of Henry IV & family
- ✘ 17thc evolution of divine right & absolute monarchy

