

# Chapter 23: The Transformation of Europe Student Notes

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## Changes in the Christian World

1. Where was the spread of Christianity most effective?
2. How did Russia become the largest area of orthodox Christians?

## The Protestant Reformation

3. What led to the Reformation?
4. What new ideas came in the Reformation?
5. Why did Henry VIII establish a new church?
6. How was Calvinism different from other Protestant churches? Briefly describe Calvinist morality.
7. How did the Protestant areas utilize religion to control people?
8. How did Catholicism change in this period?
9. Describe the major religious wars.

### **Expansion of Literacy**

10. How did literacy spread? Give at least one example of a popular author from this period.
  
11. Literacy helped promote the idea of constitutional states. What is a constitutional state?
  
12. How did England become a constitutional monarchy?
  
13. How was the Dutch Republic formed?

### **Changes in Social Life**

14. What were the causes, process, and results of the witchcraft craze?
  
15. In what other ways was social life transformed in this period?

### **Changes in Statecraft**

16. What is absolutism? Who is the quintessential example of absolute monarchy?
  
17. What other major absolutists were there, and what did they do?
  
18. What is the balance of power? How did it affect European statecraft?

### **Expansion of Financial Institutions**

19. What is capitalism? Why was it encouraged by the governments of the day?

20. What is the putting-out system? How did it affect social life?

21. What did Adam Smith teach about economics?

### **Scientific Revolution**

22. How did the concept of the universe change over time?

23. What is empirical observation? What does it have to do with science?

### **The Enlightenment**

24. How did the concept of the mechanical universe change how people perceived society?

25. What led many Enlightenment philosophes to criticize religion? What solution did Voltaire suggest?

26. Part of the focus on reason led some people to question the concept of religion itself. Describe atheism and deism.

27. What new political ideas came about in the Enlightenment and from whom did they come?

28. What social relations changed in the Enlightenment?