

The Reformation

- Early 1500s
- Distrust of the Catholic Church
- The complaints led to the movement called the **Reformation** -religious reform

Protestant Reformation

- Began in Germany
- Church officials had become focused on their own power and lost sight of religious duties
- Led by German monk, Martin Luther
- Martin Luther was one of the first to protest the Catholic Church- thought the leaders corrupt
- 1517- nailed a list of complaints to church door in Wittenberg
- Luther and his followers formed a separate church
- **Protestants**, Christians who broke from the Catholic Church

The Catholic Reformation

- Catholics who were dissatisfied with the church
- **Catholic Reformation**- a series of reforms within the Catholic Church
- Reforms
 1. Focus on spiritual concerns
 2. Make church teachings easier to understand
 3. Spread Catholic teachings throughout the world by missionaries.

Religious Wars

- Catholics VS the Protestants
- Most lived in peace with one another.
- Bloody wars broke out in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland
- Results?
 1. People relied less on the church.
 2. Began to look to science for answers.