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Film The Reluctant Revolutionary

1. What different cultural frames do you see portrayed in the film?
Luther makes an apocalyptic move by convincing the people that they don't need the priest (elite) to be intercessors to go before God. He told the people they could represent themselves before God, so Christianity became dominant and that was the beginning of the learning process of university. The printing press provided an easy & quick way to distribute the bible in different language, which was against the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church was very greedy and they were more powerful than any other religion. The culture frame portrayed was that the Catholic Church was very powerful and later on they became powerless.

2. How are traditions and hierarchy challenged?

Luther the Monk a remarkable revolutionist apoplectic challenged the hierarchy of the Pope. He spoke the truth and liberty of conscience selfless. Luther challenged the elite especially the Pope with his out spoken written words of which infuriated him. He wanted Luther to discredit his published books. Luther refused and prayed for the Lords help and God did help because the council knew in their heart it was time for reform. No one has ever done what Luther did. The challenging moment of the elite especially the priest is no longer in charge of the common people. Because there is a spiritual equality, we can go to God by ourselves. Christianity became the dominant force to acknowledge humanism and the dignity of individuals and secular value

how to make daily life better. This became a flip into the modern society they stopped depending on the hierarchy.

3. How does this reforming movement challenge the traditions of the Great Cultural Divide?

The Roman Catholic Church controlled daily lives in the medieval Europe ended when the establishment of the reforming movement challenges the Roman Catholic Church traditions and established the reform the Protestant Churches. Communities across Germany and across Europe took hold of social discipline, relief of the poor, public education and the people were able to reorganize themselves. The world of the Catholic Church changed forever. The priest and nuns abandoned their monasteries to live a normal life. There was also a great culture divided due to the color of the skin, the darker skin individuals were inferior to white people. This was due to the slave mentality for the darker skin individuals would give free labor to the white people. For sure priest was no longer in charge.

