

**Middle Ages Work Over**

Senior English

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**Abstract Paragraph:** (one paragraph summarizing your findings; each Induction/fact joined to a cause-and-effect statement/ explanation: see *Classroom Notes*)

*There were many men who influenced what we believe today. Charlemagne, Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Calvin all studied the Bible and made conclusions with what they found. These men used what they found to teach others the truth. Charlemagne fought many wars to take over territory and rule it. He spread Christianity to the lands that he ruled over. Thomas Aquinas studied the scriptures his whole life. He came up with many new ideas and wrote them for others to see. Augustine had a great influence on Philosophy in that time. He effected the Roman Catholic Church in a great way and showed them his ideas. Martin Luther was a monk who based his faith on the Bible rather than what other people were telling him. He showed others that they were not worshipping in a biblical way and changed Christianity of that time. John Calvin read the Bible in a literal way. He worked to reform the Church and have them follow what the Bible said. Christianity would not be the same with out these men.*

**Critical Questions:** (open-ended questions about consequences that lead to further study that connect to us today. **Ex:** *How do universities shape our thinking?* No, you can't use that one.)

1. What if Charlemagne had not used force to spread his power?
2. How were Thomas Aquinas's ideas different from others at that time?
3. Would Augustine have had the same influence if he did not live in Africa?
4. How did Martin Luther change the church?
5. How did John Calvin come up with his way of thinking?

**Deductive Response:** (Induction, Explanation, Deduction – should answer one of your deductive questions)

*Martin Luther took his theology directly from the Bible. He knew that something did not seem right so he went to the Bible for answers. It was thought that the only way to be a Christian was through actions. Luther taught that being a Christian was not based works but on faith. He declared this by writing the 95 Thesis. He posted it so all would see what was the truth. This was a new idea and many people rejected and Martin Luther was ex-communicated from the church. His attempt to reform the church and strengthen it changed to forming a new church. This new church was based on the ideas of Martin Luther. He lead the people to a new kind of freedom. The enlightenment was based on people gaining more freedom and Martin Luther showed the beginning of this. Martin Luther changed the entire idea of the church. The Bible is truth and should be the foundation of all Christianity. The church is only good if it is founded in the Bible.*