Modern European History

Unit 3 – Reformation and Exploration

“Martin Luther” Video Questions

***Directions****: Take notes on the following questions as you watch the video. Although each question will appear in the order listed below, additional information will be shared throughout the video for each question, so you shouldn’t think that each answer is given in its entirety before moving on to the next question. After the video is completed, use these notes to fully answer each question in complete sentences on another sheet of paper.*

1. Describe the Church’s role in daily life in medieval and early modern life in Europe. Give several examples of how this control effected the population.

2. Characterize Martin Luther’s childhood. How do you think his childhood might affect his personality?

3. Both the Black Plague and being caught in the lightning storm made Luther do what? What was his promise?

4. How did Luther believe he could achieve salvation? Give examples of how the strictly observant Augustinians believed salvation could be achieved.

5. How was Luther’s monastery an economic power within the local community?

6. Why was Luther in agony while he was a monk? What was he tormented about?

7. Describe two reactions that Luther had during his pilgrimage to Rome in 1510.

8. How was the Church a “state” by the time of the High Renaissance? Describe the leadership of the Church.

9. Define indulgence.

10. As a professor at Wittenberg, Luther was mentored by John Staupitz. What were Luther’s new understandings of Christian doctrine? How was this a shift?

11. Describe Pope Leo X (second son of Lorenzo de Medici). Why did he hire Dominican friar John Tetzel?

12. What did Luther write in 1517? What were they criticizing?

13. How did technology play a role in the spread of Luther’s ideas?