The Reformation is the name given to the European religious movement of the sixteenth century that started with seeking reform within the Catholic Church but resulted in the establishment of the Protestant churches. It is generally taken to have begun with the posting of Luther’s ‘*Ninety-five Theses’* in 1517. ‘Humanism’ is a term invented in the nineteenth century to describe an intellectual movement in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries that began in Italy and spread to the rest of Europe. Humanist authors were distinguished by their common education in the ‘*studia humanitas’* and Christian humanist scholars were those who went back to the rediscovered classical Christian sources and applied the humanist principles of study to the Bible.

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