

The Counter Reformation

Counter-Reformation

- The Catholic Church watched as Europe began embracing Protestantism.
- It responded with a **Counter-Reformation** at the **Council of Trent** (1545-1563). Wanted to Make Europe Catholic again
- It reaffirmed:
 - Faith and good works for salvation
 - Predestination was wrong.



Jesuits

- **Ignatius of Loyola** was a Counter-Reformer who founded the **Society of Jesus**, or **Jesuits**.
- The Jesuits were “soldiers for Christ” who were missionaries and teachers of Catholic teaching.
- They spread Catholicism through Africa, Asia, and Later the Americas.



Inquisition



- Sometimes, however, the Counter-Reformation wasn't as peaceful as the Jesuits.
- **The Inquisition (as in the Spanish Inquisition- was called this because it started in Spain)** was a group of men made up of clergy assigned with the task of silencing heretics.
 - Inquisition means questioning.
 - Inquisitors “questioned” people accused of being a heretic (Question? More like tortured)
- Under the Inquisition, reformers (Protestant Reformers), Jews, Muslims, and other “Non-Believers” were persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, and executed.



Inquisition Cont.

- The Inquisition was meant to “find those who were not Practicing as True Christians” - people who said they were Christian but weren't really (Secretly practiced their old religion – “false converso”
 - Attacked those who were non- Christian
- But, in reality – it allowed people to settle old scores (revenge) for the mean neighbor or get rid of the business rival (Less competition)
- People were encouraged to turn in non-Christians- but people turned in anyone who they did not like or who they had an issue with

Inquisition methods

- Under **Tomas Torquemada**, the Grand Inquisitor, the Inquisition sought to find these heretics
- To get these heretics to confess, inquisitors would employ threats and torture
- Thousands were tortured, imprisoned for life and/or burned at the stake in auto de fe (Act of Faith)

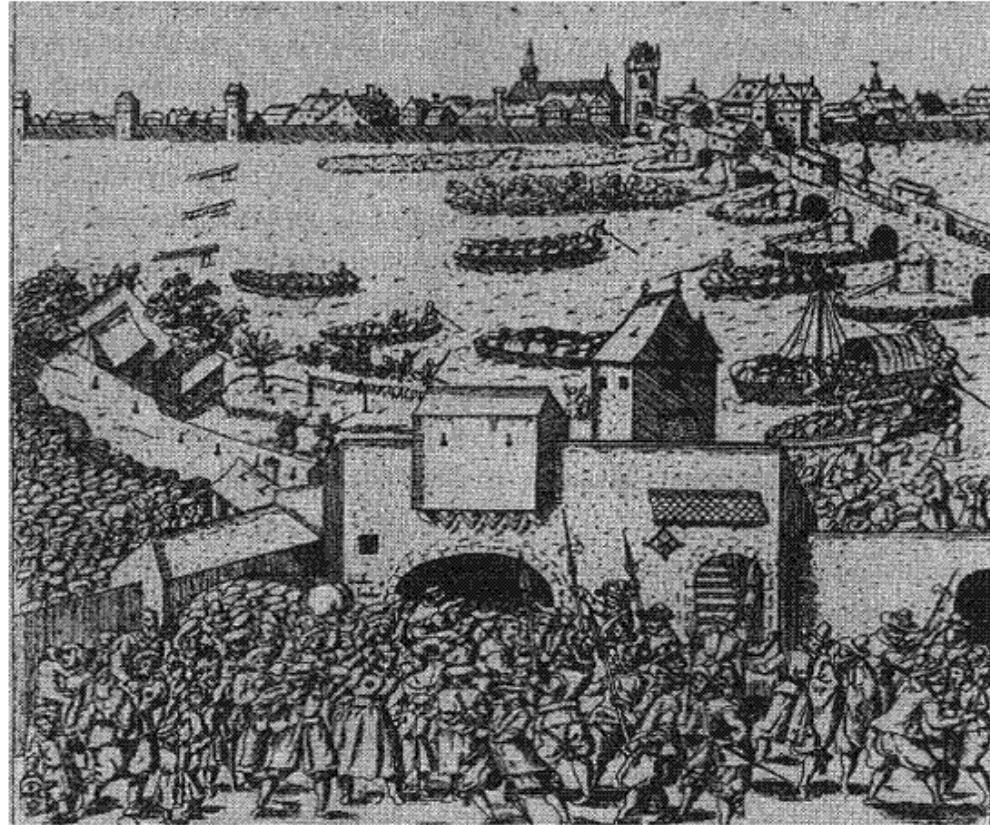


Inquisition Torture



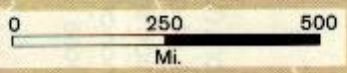
Jews expelled

- Torquemada decided that the reason so many conversos were heretics was that Spanish Jews were a bad influence, so hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced from Spain



MIGRATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS OF THE SPANISH JEWS

Map by M. L. Leshart, according to M.H. Bahart (Extracted from the Encyclopaedia Judaica, vol.14, pp. 1166-1169)



	Migrations between the XV th and the XVII th century		Milas Jewish communities still existing in Turkey
	Late migrations during the XVII th and the XVIII th century		The Ottoman Empire at its peak at the beginning of the XVII th century

Cartography: Henry Guehl

Counter Reformation in England- Henry VIII's Kids

- Henry had 3 legitimate kids that survived:
 - Mary, Elizabeth, & Edward
 - Edward was the youngest but the only male takes the throne 1st- he keeps England protestant
 - Then Mary takes over- She was bitter her dad left mom and was Catholic- switches England to Catholicism-----→
 - Elizabeth switches England back to Protestant where it has remained
- **BLOODY MARY-** Mary had almost 300 disagreeing religious people burned at the stake, which are recorded in John Foxe's Book of Martyrs. Due to this, many **called** her "**Bloody Mary**". When her half-sister, Elizabeth I, came to the throne after **Mary's** death, **she** made England Protestant again