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### The influence of the reformation and counter-reformation on culture and society

*Assignment (interdisciplinary; international exchange project)*

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### Assignment

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**Research the influence of the reformation and counter-reformation on culture and society in countries in (Western) Europe.**

Make an oral presentation. Be creative, use digital appliances if possible.

**Western Europe has a culture with Jewish-Christian roots. On our continent democracy has a long tradition, even though there are some differences in how within the European borders.**

**How did this come to be? How has this progressed over the years? Where does the typical Dutch conference culture, the joint decision making, come from? And why are the Dutch known for their directness and at the same time pedantic towards other cultures with different values? How did this progress in Germany and other countries nearby? How did art develop in Europe?**

Use the following website as primary source: [www.reformatieonderwijsnu.nl](http://www.reformatieonderwijsnu.nl).

The website is in Dutch, but that should not be a problem for this exchange project. The texts are short and concise and the website is very clearly structured. Through links you will shortly find your way to English or German websites. The Dutch students will aid the German students with the texts. You can also use the links below to find more information:

<http://www.luther2017.de/en/reformation/and-society/emancipation-freedom>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art\\_in\\_the\\_Protestant\\_Reformation\\_and\\_Counter-Reformation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_in_the_Protestant_Reformation_and_Counter-Reformation)

<http://www.history.com/topics/reformation>

<http://www.refo500.nl/en/news/6> <http://schools500reformation.net/tools/links/>

<http://www.rd.nl/kerk-religie/reformatie-stimuleerde-onderwijs-1.218311>

Your presentation will be held in English.

### Plan of action

Make a group with 3 or 4 students with mixed nationalities.

Each group is to choose at least 4 persons and 4 subjects or sites from different European cities on the maps at [www.reformatieonderwijsnu.nl](http://www.reformatieonderwijsnu.nl).

**Formulate a research question and if needed sub questions. You can also write a problem statement. After doing research you should be able to share your conclusion.**

#### How Do You Formulate A Good Research Question?

Choose a general topic of interest and conduct preliminary research on this topic in current periodicals and journals to see what research has already been done. This will help determine what kinds of questions the topic generates.

Once you have conducted preliminary research, consider: Who is the audience? Is it an academic essay, or will it be read by a more general public? Once you have conducted preliminary research, start asking open ended "How?" "What?" and "Why?" questions. Then evaluate possible responses to those questions.

- 1) Is the research question something I/others care about? Is it arguable?
- 2) Is the research question a new spin on an old idea, or does it solve a problem?
- 3) Is it too broad or too narrow?
- 4) Is the research question researchable within the given time frame and location?
- 5) What information is needed?

**After reading the problem statement, the reader will know why you are doing this study and be convinced of its importance.**

-Keep an individual log. Cite all your sources (books, websites, newspapers).

-Prepare an oral presentation. The presentation needs to take 15 or 20 minutes. All group members need to take part in the presentation (5 minutes per person). Your oral presentation will be assessed in content, your use of English, your fluency, interaction with your audience, comprehension of your subject. When you use the smartboard to illustrate your story, it should add to the content. Do not read anything from a piece of paper!

-The research results should be handed in digitally. You should also put them in your portfolio.

-Write an evaluation about the group process. What went well? What could have gone better?