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this Reformation Day Quiz.

1. Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in what country?  
a. Germany      b. Austria      c. France      d. England
2. As an adult, Martin Luther wrote dozens of hymns. His love for music dated back to his early school days, when music was his favorite subject. Although he was particularly fond of playing this instrument, he gave it away before entering the monastery at 21.  
a. the violin      b. the harpsicord      c. the lute      d. the French horn
3. Which of the following events did NOT occur during Martin Luther's lifetime?  
a. Columbus discovered America      c. Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel  
b. Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet      d. Copernicus taught heliocentric universe
4. Martin Luther said he never saw a Bible until he was 20 years old. He later translated the Bible into this language so that common people (not only priests and monks) would be able to read it:  
a. Latin      b. English      c. French      d. German
5. Martin Luther originally intended to become a lawyer and completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees toward that end. What happened that convinced him to become a monk instead?  
a. he made a vow to St. Anna      c. he saw a light from heaven like the Apostle Paul  
b. he was frightened by a violent storm      d. all of the above
6. Martin Luther objected to the fact that a Dominican friar by the name of Johann Tetzel was selling "indulgences." What were parishiners promised in exchange for buying these pieces of paper?  
a. a raffle ticket      b. forgiveness of sin      c. a new Bible      d. all the above
7. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted a list of theses, or topics he wished to debate, on the door of the Wittenburg Castle Church. How many items were on the list?  
a. 31      b. 90      c. 95      d. 99
8. Whom did Martin Luther marry?  
a. his childhood sweetheart      c. a nurse who cared for him in his old age  
b. a former nun      d. none of the above – as a monk, he stayed single
9. "Next to the Word of God," what did Martin Luther say "deserves the highest praise"?  
a. the Pope      b. the Virgin Mary      c. music      d. marriage
10. At the Diet of Worms, Luther was condemned as "a demon in the appearance of a man." Why?  
a. because he had defaced church property      c. because he wouldn't eat the worms he was served  
b. because he had red hair and flushed skin      d. because he refused to recant his heretical views



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