

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 4

Important Information for Both Options

The following are the main ideas you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you have learned the most essential content:

- The Renaissance period included a movement called humanism, which sought to revive classical learning and focus on human achievements, not the divine.
- The Protestant Reformation began when questionable Church practices in the sixteenth century, especially the sale of indulgences, led Martin Luther and other critics to split from the Catholic Church and establish other Christian denominations.
- The Ecumenical Council of Trent clarified and defined Church teaching on the creed, Scripture, original sin, justification, and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
- The Catholic Reformation, inaugurated by the Council of Trent, gave rise to the establishment of several new religious orders.

Option 1: A Video about the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation

Your small group will create an original documentary video about the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation (or Counter-Reformation). Working with one or two other students, create a 7- to 10-minute documentary describing significant historical events and key people from these periods in the Church.

You may combine reenactment skits, photos, music, and text to create your video. The video must contain or demonstrate each of the following elements:

- an understanding of the four main concepts of unit 4, as listed at the beginning of this handout
- creative reflection on and explanation of the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation
- appropriate content and maturity level for a high school religion class

Option 2: A Journal from the Perspective of Someone Witnessing the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation

Working alone, imagine that you are a Catholic during the Renaissance who witnesses the changes brought about by the Protestant Reformation and Catholic Reformation. Write a personal journal that reflects on your faith life and the happenings in the Church during your time. Be creative. Be sure to include your thoughts on how the events of the era have affected you personally, as well as how they have affected the Church as a whole.



Your journal must include or demonstrate the following:

- understanding of the four main concepts of unit 4, as listed at the beginning of this handout
- seven to ten original one-page entries
- proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- appropriate content and maturity level for a high school religion class

