

95 Theses Rap Analysis Sheet

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<p>Listen up, all my people, it's a story for the telling 'bout the sin and injustice and corruption I been smelling: I met that homie Tetzal, then I started rebelling Once I seen the fat Indulgences that he been selling. Now the Catholics of the world straight up disgracin' me Just because I waved my finger at the papacy.</p>		
<p>My people got riled up over this Reformation That's when Leo threatened me with Excommunication. I warned y'all that Rome best agree to the terms. If not, then you can eat my Diet of Worms!</p>		
<p>You think you done something spectacular? I wrote the whole Bible in the vernacular!</p>		
<p>A heretic! [What?] Someone throw me a bone. You forgot salvation comes through faith alone.</p>		
<p>I'm on a mission from God. You think I do this for fun? I got ninety-five theses but the Pope ain't one. Save me!</p>		
<p>One Five One Seven that's when it first went down. Then the real test was when it started spreading around. Sixty days to recant what I said? Father, please! You've had, what? Goin' on fifteen centuries?</p>		

<p>Oh snap, he's messin' with the holy communion. But I ain't never dissed your precious hypostatic union! One place at one time. Well, thank you Zwingli. Yeah, way to disregard that whole I'm God thingy! Getting all up in my rosary you little punk. Your momma shoulda told you not to mess with no monk.</p>		
<p>What you bumpin' me for? Suddenly you sore. Keep that up, you'll have yourself another Peasant War. You blame common folk for the smack they talkin' You ain't even taught them proper Christian doctrine.</p>		
<p>With my hat, my Bible, and my sexy little nun, I got ninety-five theses but the Pope ain't one. Save me!</p>		
<p>When I wrote the ninety-five, haters straight up assailed 'em. Now they only care whether or not I nailed 'em or mailed 'em. They got psychoanalytic. Now everyone's a critic, And getting on my case just because I'm anti-Semitic. I've come back from obscurity to teach y'all a lesson, Cuz someone here still ain't read their Augsburg Confession.</p>		
<p>But you forgot about me and my religious demonstration? Like you can just create your own denomination? We don't like this part, so well just add a little twist. Now we Anglican, Amish, and even Calvinist. I gave you the power, you gone and abused it. I gave you God's truth, you just confused it. Don't you never underestimate the stuff that I done I got 95 theses but the Pope ain't one. Save me!</p>		
<p>Shout out to Johannes Gutenberg... I see you baby</p>		

TEACHER KEY

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If you havin’ Church problems then don’t blame God, son I got ninety-five theses but the Pope ain’t one.		<i>The 95 Theses were written by Martin Luther in 1517 following a trip to Rome and his realizations about corruption in the Catholic Church. They were nailed to the church door in Wittenburg Germany—church doors in this time acted as a community bulletin board for announcements.</i>
Listen up, all my people, it’s a story for the telling ‘bout the sin and injustice and corruption I been smelling: I met that homie Tetzel, then I started rebelling Once I seen the fat Indulgences that he been selling. Now the Catholics of the world straight up disgracin’ me Just because I waved my finger at the papacy.		<i>Selling of Indulgences—Tetzel was the name of a man who was an “indulgence seller”. Indulgences were bought by people and accompanied by prayer to reduce time spent in purgatory for themselves or family members. This money went to the church, often for the building of major projects, not to help the people. One of Luther’s objections was that if the church could get people out of Purgatory, why was this not done without payments.</i>
My people got riled up over this Reformation That’s when Leo threatened me with Excommunication. I warned y’all that Rome best agree to the terms. If not, then you can eat my Diet of Worms!		<i>At the Diet of Worms (a city in Germany), Martin Luther was given the chance to recant, or denounce, his writings, but refused. This led to Pope Leo X excommunicating Luther and the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire (which included Germany) to outlaw Luther. Frederick of Saxony, a German Prince, protected him from arrest.</i>
You think you done something spectacular? I wrote the whole Bible in the vernacular!		<i>While under Frederick’s protection, Luther translated the Bible into the vernacular Germany from Latin so the people could understand the teachings of the Bible.</i>
A heretic! [What?] Someone throw me a bone. You forgot salvation comes through faith alone.		<i>One of Luther’s main beliefs was that salvation should come from faith alone and not from practices of the church or just as a holy leader. This also changes the focus away from clergy and the teachings of the church to the direct teachings of the Bible.</i>
I’m on a mission from God. You think I do this for fun? I got ninety-five theses but the Pope ain’t one. Save me!		<i>Luther believed that Catholic Church and the papacy had become too corrupt, and that people should read the Bible for themselves and could only be saved through faith – not the practices of the Church.</i>
One Five One Seven that’s when it first went down. Then the real test was when it started spreading around. Sixty days to recant what I said? Father, please! You’ve had, what? Goin’ on fifteen centuries?		<i>1517 is the year that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses. His ideas spread quickly around Europe, especially in Germany. He refused to change his beliefs and so he was excommunicated.</i> <i>Luther believed that Catholic Church and the papacy had become too corrupt, and that people should read the Bible for themselves and could only be saved through faith – not the practices of the Church.</i>

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<p>What you bumpin' me for? Suddenly you sore. Keep that up, you'll have yourself another Peasant War. You blame common folk for the smack they talkin' You ain't even taught them proper Christian doctrine.</p>		<p><i>There were large peasant revolts during this time due to issues against the power of the Holy Roman Emperor and princes—the beliefs of Martin Luther led to further causes of the revolts, though by no means were the main issues for most people. Eventually a number of German princes declare for Luther as a means to gain understanding of the new church and as a way to go against the Holy Roman Emperor.</i></p>
<p>With my hat, my Bible, and my sexy little nun, I got ninety-five theses but the Pope ain't one. Save me!</p>		<p><i>Martin Luther once excommunicated was no longer a priest and therefore could marry under his new "Lutheran" church and still be a preacher—his wife was a former Catholic nun who also left the church.</i></p>
<p>When I wrote the ninety-five, haters straight up assailed 'em. Now they only care whether or not I nailed 'em or mailed 'em. They got psychoanalytic. Now everyone's a critic, And getting on my case just because I'm anti-Semitic. I've come back from obscurity to teach y'all a lesson, Cuz someone here still ain't read their Augsburg Confession.</p>		<p><i>The Augsburg Confession is the basis of Lutheran beliefs showing the background of the Lutheran church as a critic of the indulgences and wealth of the church; however, most beliefs and practices did not change.</i></p>
<p>But you forgot about me and my religious demonstration? Like you can just create your own denomination? We don't like this part, so well just add a little twist. Now we Anglican, Amish, and even Calvinist. I gave you the power, you gone and abused it. I gave you God's truth, you just confused it. Don't you never underestimate the stuff that I done I got 95 theses but the Pope ain't one. Save me!</p>		<p><i>Many new denominations (or groups) were created in the new Protestant Christian church with varied beliefs and understandings of the Christian church—such as Anglican, Amish and Calvinist—that rejected some of the beliefs of the Catholic and even the new Lutheran church, hence Luther's belief that the freedom given was abused.</i></p>
<p>Shout out to Johannes Gutenberg... I see you baby</p>		<p><i>Johannes Gutenberg's printing press was one of the key ways that Luther's 95 Theses, writings and later new beliefs spread throughout Germany and the rest of Europe.</i></p>