

# Johann Tetzel:

- German, Catholic preacher known for selling indulgences for Pope Leo X
- Coined the phrase, "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings/the soul from purgatory springs"
- The accusation that he had sold full forgiveness for sins, caused a great scandal
- It was believed that all of the money Tetzel raised for the on going reconstruction of St. Peter's Basilica
- Tetzel was later condemned for immortality



# Printing Press:



- Most uneducated people didn't understand Latin, but knew the local common language
  - Almost all Bibles were written in Latin before the Reformation
- It was the job of the church clergy to translate the Bible for people
- Printing Press: Books were available to the masses and not just the rich
- People had access to books whenever they wanted them

Printing Press=36,000 pages per day

Hand Printing=40 pages per day



# The Western Schism:

- In 1378, Pope Gregory XI died
- The College of Cardinals in Rome selected an Italian Pope (Urban VI)
- A few months later, the French Cardinals in Avignon selected a French Pope (Clement VII)
- So there were two different Popes, in two different cities, claiming to be Pope
- For over thirty years, Christendom was divided over which Pope to support as the spiritual leader of the Church
- In 1409, the cardinals met again and selected a third pope to unit the two sides (Alexander V)
- However, the other Popes were unwilling to give up their power, so now there were three Popes vying for authority
- Also known as the Papal Schism



# The Western Schism Cont.:

- The existence of multiple Popes:
  - Lessened the reputation and prestige of the Church
  - Diminished the Pope's authority
  - Made secular rulers think they could dictate Church policies

- Finally between 1414 and 1418, the cardinals deposed the Avignon Pope, inducted the Roman Pope to resign, and elected one Pope for the entire Catholic Church (Martin V)

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# Exit-slip:

- **What is an indulgence?**
- **What was the Western Schism?**
- **How many Popes were there during the schism?**