MARTIN LUTHER

Key Information

- Born: November 10, 1483 in Eisleben
- Died: February 18, 1546 in Eisleben
- Nationality: German
- Occupation: Theologian, monk, professor, religious reformer



For what was he famous?

- 1517: Publication of the 95 theses in Wittenberg → criticism of the Catholic Church's indulgence trade
- Demanded: Faith instead of good works leads to redemption, the Bible must be understandable to all
- 1522: Translated the new testament in German and later the whole bible



Role in the german - Czech context

- Luther was strongly influenced by Jan Hus
- Luther said that many thoughts from Jan Hus were right
- his ideas also spread in Bohemia (today Czech Republic)
- Connection between German and Bohemian Reformation movement

=> Strengthened Protestand movements in the German-Czech region

Critism of Martin Luther

- he used very harsh and hostile language against jewish people and suggested that their synagogues and homes should be destroyed
- he did not dissolve the hierachy
  -> in his eyes not all people were equal before God

