

## CALVINISM WEBQUEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Today you will explore the life of John Calvin, the second important Reformation reformer, who created his own Protestant religion. Use the websites listed here to answer the questions below. Questions that begin with "think and answer" will require you to bring in outside knowledge or opinions – answer these questions carefully.

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**Go to this Website:** <http://www.historyguide.org/earlymod/lecture3c.html>

Hint: Go about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the page, to the section that begins with "JOHN CALVIN."

Calvin – An Overview

1. Before Calvin became a Calvinist, what religion did he follow?
2. What is the core of the religion that became known as Calvinism?
  - a. Man is \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Free will is \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Man is pre\_\_\_\_\_
3. THINK AND ANSWER: What aspects of this religious doctrine might appeal to people? What parts of it might be more difficult for people to accept?
4. What type of order did Calvin establish in Geneva? Give at least two specific examples.
5. Explain the idea of predestination and how it affected people.
6. What purpose did "good works" serve, according to Calvin?
7. What is Calvin's idea of a person's calling?
8. THINK AND ANSWER: What do you think of Calvin's ideas (as outlined in questions 2, 5, 6 & 7)? Do you agree with any part of his beliefs?
9. Where did Calvinism spread? By 1564, what areas were largely Calvinist?

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**Go to this Website:** <http://www.notablebiographies.com/Ca-Ch/Calvin-John.html>

Calvin's Significance:

1. Why is Calvin so important? What did his followers create? Where did he have influence?

Calvin's Life:

1. Where was Calvin born, where did he go to school and what did he study?
2. What happens that changes Calvin's life?
3. THINK AND ANSWER: What are the differences and similarities between the lives of Luther and Calvin?
4. Describe where and why Calvin moved.
5. Describe Calvin's actions in Geneva between 1537 and 1538.
6. THINK AND ANSWER: Calvin returns to Geneva in 1541 – why do you think he decided to return there rather than stay in Strassbourg?
7. What regulations were put in place in Geneva at this time?
8. What role did education play in Calvinist churches? What did students do after they studied at the Academy?
9. Where was Calvin able to make his influence felt?
10. What was the focus and influence of Calvin's book "Institutes of the Christian religion?"
11. THINK AND ANSWER: Why is Calvin so significant?