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When Martin Luther wrote the Ninety-Five-Theses to challenge the Catholic Church, the system responded with a document signed by Charles V claiming Martin Luther was a threat and exiled him. This document was called the Edict of Worms:

In your groups:

Have 1 person be the narrator, another as a writer, a third as a skeptic, and the last person being an interpreter.

**Narrator:** Read the paragraphs as is.

**Interpreter:** After each paragraph, interpret what the message is trying to say.

**Skeptic:** Ask questions to help make sure everyone is interpreting the message the same way.

**Writer:** Write down what your group thinks the paragraph means.

After 3-4 paragraphs rotate the roles.

Your final paper should tell me:

What kinds of things does the Edict ban?

What do they say about those who are in charge of controlling the printing press?

Define what heresy means.

What points does the church make that try to say Martin Luther is guilty of?

What does the Edict say about what must be done to Martin Luther’s books?

In the Items section, list some of the things Martin Luther has done.

Scroll down to the paragraph that starts off with “For this reason we forbid anyone...” What does the edict suggest in this paragraph?

Scroll down to the next “For this reason..” paragraph. What type of language is used here and why? Continue on your roles for the rest of the Edict and summarize what happens at the end.