



Reformation History The Vernacular Bible

Interpreting the Text:

1. Why was the translation into the vernacular so important for the development of Christianity?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of translating literally from the biblical text, or of translating more colloquially? What would the Reformers prioritize here?
3. Why was translation into the vernacular seen as such a threat by authorities?

Applying the Text:

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you could not understand what was being read, either in a religious setting or not? What is it like to rely on other sources to help you understand what's happening?
2. What might the future of vernacular translations of the Bible look like? Is there a limit to what is appropriate in translation?
3. What do you prefer about the Bible translations that you use? What qualities do you look for when selecting a translation?