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# Martin Luther (1483-1546)

(German Church reformer and Protestant leader, b. Eisleben, st. U of Erfurt, Augustine monk 1505, priest 1512, Doctor U of Wittenberg 1517, begins Reformation 1517 with his theses; chair of Scripture at Wittenberg to his death, leader of Protestant rebellion vs. the Church and the Pope, excommunicated 1520, protected by Frederic the Wise, Elector of Wartburg, translator of the Bible, theological polemist, writer of fables and hymns)

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