

Exercise walk-through

Wars of Religion ■ 2.4

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You must be able to

- state how religious division became armed conflict
- explain the role of dynastic and territorial interests
- describe how the wars were eventually settled
- avoid explaining the wars by religion alone

Method — From division to war

Where a ruler's religion differed from a substantial part of his subjects', or where neighbouring rulers differed, religion supplied both a grievance and a means of recruiting support across borders.

Method — Dynastic interest

Claims to succession, territorial ambition and the balance between crowns ran alongside confession throughout. Alliances that crossed confessional lines are the clearest evidence that religion was not the only motive.

Method — Settlement

Wars were ended by treaties that fixed which confession would prevail where, and by a principle of state sovereignty over religion within borders. The settlement solved the war by conceding the division.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Explain how religious division supplied a means of recruiting support.

Solution 2.1

Method: From division to war

Worked steps

co-religionists across borders shared a grievance **B1**, so support could be recruited beyond a ruler's own territory **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the clearest evidence that religion was not the only motive.

Solution 2.2

Method: Dynastic interest

Worked steps

alliances that crossed confessional lines **B1**, which cannot be explained by religion alone **B2** **B1** *for full reasoning; for the observation.*

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A treaty fixes which confession prevails in each territory.

- (a) State what the settlement conceded.
- (b) State what it achieved.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) that Europe would not be religiously united **B1**. (b) it ended the fighting by making the division territorial rather than contested **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

An alliance between rulers of different confessions indicates that

- A** religion was the only motive
- B** dynastic or territorial interest also operated
- C** the war had ended
- D** neither ruler was sincere

Solution 3.1

Method: Dynastic interest

- A religion was the only motive
- B dynastic or territorial interest also operated** 
- C the war had ended
- D neither ruler was sincere

Worked steps

B. cross-confessional alliance requires another motive.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The settlement of the religious wars solved them by

- A** imposing one confession everywhere
- B** conceding the division and fixing it territorially
- C** abolishing religion
- D** returning to 1500

Solution 3.2

Method: Settlement

- A imposing one confession everywhere
- B conceding the division and fixing it territorially 
- C abolishing religion
- D returning to 1500

Worked steps

- B. the division was fixed rather than resolved.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student explains the wars entirely by doctrine.

- (a) State one thing the account cannot explain.
- (b) Explain what should be added.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) alliances and conflicts that cut across confessional lines **B1**. (b) dynastic and territorial interests **B1**, which operated alongside confession throughout **B1**.