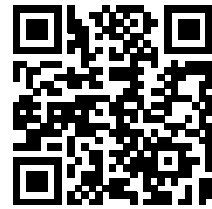


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Scottish Reformation and the Parliament



During the Scottish Reformation in the 16th century, the role of the Scottish _____ was crucial in shaping the nation's religious future. The Parliament, which consisted of _____, clergy, and commoners, initially supported the Catholic Church. However, as reformist ideas spread, influenced by figures like John _____, attitudes began to shift. By the mid-1500s, many in Parliament grew critical of the church's _____ and corruption. This shift was evident when Parliament enacted legislation that significantly impacted the church's _____. In 1560, they passed the Scots Confession, which formalized Protestant beliefs as the national faith. This _____ was not just a religious statement but also a political maneuver to reduce the influence of Catholic _____ abroad. Furthermore, the Parliament took steps to dissolve monasteries and distribute their _____, which not only weakened the Catholic Church but also reshaped Scottish _____. The redistribution of land led to a change in power dynamics, favoring the Protestant nobility who were supportive of the reformation _____. The Parliament also established the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which was responsible for the _____ of the church according to Protestant principles. This body played a significant _____ in ensuring that the reformation principles were implemented across the _____. Education was another area influenced by the Parliament. They encouraged the establishment of _____ to promote literacy and religious education, aiming to educate the populace in the new Protestant _____. This move was essential in consolidating Protestant control over Scotland. The actions of the Scottish Parliament during the _____ illustrate how intertwined religious and political interests can be. They used their _____ power to promote a religious agenda that also served to enhance their political _____ and transform Scottish society.

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