

Henry wanted a son but his wife Catherine of Aragon had only given him a daughter. Henry needed to divorce Catherine so he could marry Anne Boleyn, but the Pope refused! If Henry made himself head of the Church in England then he could give himself a divorce and marry Anne before she gave birth to his child.

✓ This is a **political** cause. Although it does talk about the church (and so might seem to be a religious reason), Henry wants his child to be his legal heir to make his own position as king stronger.



Religious



Economic



Political



Henry was in the middle of fighting an expensive war with France and he had run out of money. If he made himself head of the Church in England then he would get all the Church's money.

✓ This is an **economic** cause. It says that Henry may have changed the Church to try and get more money; a typical economic reason.



Religious



Economic



Political



Whoever was in charge of the Church was in a position of power: people tended to do what the Church told them to do. Henry didn't like the fact that the Pope might tell people in Henry's kingdom what to do!

✓ This is a **political** reason. Once again it seems, at first glance, to be a religious reason. If you think about it a little more it is clear that it is to do with power and so must be a political reason.



Religious



Economic



Political



Martin Luther and the Protestants thought that the Catholic Church was run by greedy priests. They said that people shouldn't listen to the pope but should read the Bible instead. Maybe Henry agreed with them?

✓ This is a **religious** cause. The Protestants are not trying to take power from anybody, but are concerned about the state of the Church.



Religious



Economic



Political