The Catholic Church, Martin Luther, Indulgences & the Reformation

Central Historical Question:

Even if Martin Luther was unable prove indulgences did or did not "work", should his actions be justified as those of an important reformer, or a man selfishly taking hope of salvation from those who didn't know better?

Notes:

Document 1: A Sermon made by Johann Tetzel 1515

1. Who wrote this document?	3. Were Luther's actions Selfish Justifiable ←	
2. What was his argument for the sale and purchase of Indulgences?	4. Why?	

Document #2 Martin Luther – select phrases from the 95 Theses, 1517

1. Who was the intended audience for Luther's 95 Theses?	5. How could this hurt "believers"?		
2. There are 90 other Theses, what do you think is most important on these? (Provide examples)	3. Were Luther's actions Selfish Justifiable ←		
Document #2 Myconlus speaking of Mar	rtin Luthor's OF Thoses 1517		

Document #3 Myconlus speaking of Martin Luther's 95 Theses 1517

What is the importance of this document in answering the Central Question?			

Document #4 Exsurge Domine The Bull of Pope Leo X, June 15, 1520

1. What is a Papal Bull?	4. What consequences could result from this Papal Bull?			
2. Why did Pope Leo X write this?				
3. What do you think were the most important parts?	 3. Were Luther's actions Selfish Justifiable ←			
Document #5 Martin Luther responding to being accused of heresy				
3. Were Luther's actions Selfish Justifiable ←	continue			
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