HIGHWAY TO HELL

Would you "Burn, Baby, Burn?"

In the Middle Ages almost everyone was a Christian. Today, there are lots of different Christian Churches (e.g. Methodists, Quakers, Catholics, Anglicans). In those days, though, there was only one: The Roman Catholic Church, led by the Pope in Rome.

Anyone who disagreed with the Church's views was called a heretic, and could be burned to death at the stake.

Task 1

- Fill in the first column of the table by following the format "I agree / disagree, because…"
- Your teacher will then go through each one of these and tell you what the Church really did believe. Write down key points in the final column, and keep a record of how many you disagreed on. The more you disagree with, the more likely it would have been that you will have been burned at the stake!

	Your view (Agree / Disagree), with explanation	**What did the Church actually believe?**
"God is more concerned with what we believe than with what we do"		Key word: "Good Works"
"The Bible should be written in the language of the people"		Key word: "Vernacular"
"Priests should not be allowed to get married or have girlfriends"		Key word: "Celibacy"
"In the Mass (bread and wine ceremony) the bread and wine actually turn into the body and blood of Jesus"		Key word: "Transubstantiation"
"The Church should not support ceremonies which are not listed in the Bible"		Key word: "Purgatory"

Did you know…
Each of the points above were issues which eventually divided the Christian Church between Roman Catholics on the one hand, and Protestants on the other.

Interactive Exercise
You could try the interactive simulation "Highway to Hell / Stairway to Heaven at www.activehistory.co.uk – this will tell you what "job" is best suited to you based on a questionnaire you will be given!!!