Chapter 14 Literature Connections – "Martin Luther"

Read the story of pages 466-469 to answer the following questions.

1. What did the Holy Roman Emperor and Catholic Church officials demand of Luther? How did Luther respond? (Page 466)

2. What is Luther’s status as the story begins? What was a crime? (Page 467)

3. What happened one evening after Luther left the city of Worms? (Page 467)

4. Why did Frederick kidnap Luther and take him to Wartburg Castle? (Page 467)

5. Identify from the text at least 4 ways Luther disguised himself. (Page 467)

6. What doubts and questions did Luther have during his year at Wartburg? (Page 468)

7. What did Luther accomplish at Wartburg? Why was it important?

8. What troubling news did Luther hear about Wittenberg? (Page 469)

9. What did Luther do at great risk to his life? Why was his return to Wittenberg an act of courage? (Page 469)

"Although struggling with depression over his enforced solitude, Martin Luther kept busy. One of his greatest accomplishments that year was to translate the New Testament of the Bible into German. The publication of this work in 1522 had a profound influence on the German written language, contributing to the development of a uniform national tongue."