

1 | Counter-Reformation

A process by which the KBhHIST201HolyRomanEmpire1500s attempted to revive Catholic universality and stamp out Protestantism

1.1 | Thirty Years' War

1618 - ... 30 years later?

- Danish and Swedish armies cut into Germany
- French army joined in too
- Devastated central Europe + lost Germany a third of its population

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1.2 | Inspiring Raison de' Etat

30 Years' War => The reason why deRichlieu instituted Raison d'etat.

- France was surrounded by HRE
- All others loyal to HRE
- Hence, the Cardinal disregarded the fact that he is the Cardinal, and instituted this idea => State > Religion to team up + fight
- Sided with the Protestants

Had the Habsburg emperors played according to the same rules or understood the emerging world of *raison d'etat*, they would have seen how well placed they were to achieve what Richelieu feared most-the pre-eminence of Austria and the emergence of the Holy Roman Empire as the dominant power on the Continent – KBhHIST201Kissinger