

take the Netherlands - the Counter-Reformation in the Netherlands. It's a little hard to tell which - the two are quite unconnected but they are both very closely connected with the Counter-Reformation in France and the other countries at which we are next going to look so that you might say which of the two directions should you go right here, it's a little hard to make a decision on it. But the Netherlands perhaps ought to be considered first because the Netherlands - the Jesuits were not really there in time to become a decisive factor. Now that is to some extent true in France. The Jesuits came in after things were pretty much under way. You will see later what happened in other countries where Protestantism was not as far advanced as it was in France. But the Netherlands are also of interest to us because they are a region in which the Counter-Reformation only half succeeded instead of like France and Poland - a region where it completely succeeded. Now there are many tremendously interesting details in the history of the Counter-Reformation in the Netherlands. We will have to go over them even more rapidly than we did in the Counter-Reformation in France. But the main feature ~~of~~ and the important principles - it's very important that we have them all. First I want to be sure that everybody knows what we mean by the Netherlands. The Netherlands - as you know the word "Nether" is an old English word. Today there is a country which calls itself Nederland which is the same word as Netherlands only in another language. They call themselves Nederland. We call them Holland. They do not call themselves Holland because Holland is the name of one of their about 20 provinces and we name the whole country after this one province - so we call it Holland which they call Nederland. Now in a way it's better we don't call them Netherlands today because the Netherlands historically is a region nearly three times as big as Holland today. Another interesting thing - we call their language Dutch, they usually call it the Holland language after the one province using the name we use for the country.