

TRIAL OF GALILEO

Directions: Read the primary and secondary sources about Galileo and answer the questions that follow.

Correspondence of Galileo and Kepler

1. According to Galileo's letter, how does he say he proved the theory of Copernicus?
2. In Galileo's letter, why does he say he is nervous to publish his discovery about the heliocentric solar system?
3. What is Kepler urging Galileo to do, and why does he want him to do it?
4. According to Kepler, if Galileo feels he can't publish freely in Italy, what does should he do?

Trial Before the Roman Inquisition

5. Why was the Church so angry over Galileo teaching that the sun was the center of the solar system?
6. What was the decision of the Roman Inquisition at Galileo's trial, and what happened to him after?
7. Why do you think Galileo agreed not to never again teach this "heresy" if he knew it was true?