**CHY 4U Unit 1, Activity 5**

**Galileo’s Context**

HISTORICAL/SOCIAL FORCES

Renaissance

**Context for Galileo’s Time**

Scientific Revolution

Reformation

**Double Trouble**:

* He got into trouble with the Inquisition twice
* Once in 1616 for his idea of heliocentrism
* At that point he was told not to publish or try to justify the theory
* Then in 1632 his *Dialogue* got in trouble with the censors because they claimed he went back on his terms of sentence from 1616

**Personal characteristics:**

* Religious
* Anti-authoritarian
* Not humble but arrogant
* Daughters were nuns
* He had a mistress

**Religion**:

God creates mysteries of nature (see text P. 72.)

**Inquisition:**

* A permanent office of the Catholic Church charged with eliminating and punishing heresy
* Anyone could be charged and had to testify against him/herself
* Cooperation was assured through any means, including torture
* Punishments ranged from pilgrimages to imprisonment to death (especially if one did not abjure)
* Death by burning at the stake
* Strictest in Spain

**Friends and Patronage:**

* Medicis
* Pope Urban VIII

**Science**:

Jupiter, sunspots, craters as proof of heliocentrism

**Galileo’s Personal Context**

**Index**:

* Catholic Church’s list of prohibited books
* Started in 1559 after the Reformation
* Also established rules for censorship
* Copernicus’ book was not immediately forbidden (not that well known at the time)
* It was added in 1616 after Galileo publicized his original heliocentric theory
* Galileo’s *Dialogue* added in 1633

Counter Reformation: Index, Inquisition

INDIVIDUAL CONTEXT