The Second Century
History: The Early Church

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18

Theme: Six Highlights of the Second Century

1. The Rise of _____
    - Christianity Spread **Socially**
        - From **Jews** to **Gentiles**
        - From **Poor** to **Rich**
        - From **Male** to **Female**
        - From **Uneducated** to **Educated**
    - Christianity Spread **Geographically**
        - Spread **North**: *Asia Minor*
            - The Church at **Antioch**: *Modern Syria*
            - The Churches of **Asia Minor**: *Modern Turkey*
        - Spread **West**: *Europe*
            - The Church at **Rome**: *Modern Italy*
            - The Church in **Lyons**: *Modern France*

- Spread **South**: *North Africa*
  - The Church at **Carthage**: *Modern Tunisia*
  - The Church at **Cyrene**: *Modern Libya*
  - The Church at **Alexandria**: *Modern Egypt*
- Spread **East**: *India*

2. The Rise of _____

   - Notable **Persecutors**
     - **Emperor Trajan** (53-117).
     - **Pliny the Younger** (61–c.113).
     - **Celsus** (n/a)
     - **Emperor Marcus Aurelius** (121-180).
   - Notable **Persecuted**
     - **Ignatius of Antioch** (died c. 108/140).
     - **Polycarp** (69-155).
     - **Justin Martyr** (c.103-165).
     - **Martyrs of Gaul** (c. 177)

3. The Rise of _____

   - Concerning the Doctrine of **Creation**: *Gnosticism*
   - Concerning the Doctrine of **Scripture**: *Marcionism and Montanism*
   - Concerning the Doctrine of **Salvation**: *Ebionites*
   - Concerning the Doctrine of **Christ**: *Docetism*

4. The Rise of _____

- **Theme 1:** *One Creator God*

- **Theme 2:** *One God of Old and New Testaments*

- **Theme 3:** *Jesus is the Prophesied, Virgin-Born Son of God*

- **Theme 4:** *Jesus is the Creator God Incarnate*

- **Theme 5:** *Jesus Came to Save and Redeem Those Who Believe*

- **Theme 6:** *Jesus Physically Suffered, was Crucified under Pilate, was Bodily Raised from the Dead, and is Exalted at the Right Hand of God the Father*

- **Theme 7:** *Jesus Will Return Again to Judge the World*

5. The Rise of _____

- Writings by the **Apostles**: *The New Testament*

- Writings by **Disciples of the Apostles**: *The Apostolic Fathers*
  - *The Didache*
  - *1 Clement*
  - *2 Clement*
  - *Fragments of Papias*
  - *Apology of Quadratus*
  - *Shepherd of Hermas*
  - *Epistle of Barnabas*
  - *Epistles of Ignatius (7 actually)*
  - *Polycarp's Epistle to the Philippians*
  - *Martyrdom of Polycarp*
  - *Epistle of Diognetus*

- Notable Writings for **Christians**: *Early Theological Works*
  - Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*
  - Clement of Alexandria, *Miscellanies*
  - Tertullian, *Prescription Against Heresies*

- Notable Writings for **Non-Christians**: *Early Apologetic Works*
  - Origen, *Against Celsus*
  - Justin Martyr, *First* and *Second Apology*
  - Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*

6. The Rise of the _____

   - Arose In Response to **Heresy**

   - Arose In Response to **Persecution**

Answer Key:

- The Rise of **Global Christianity**
- The Rise of **Persecution**
- The Rise of **Heresies**
- The Rise of **Creeds**
- The Rise of **Christian Literature**
- The Rise of **Bishops**

The Second Century:
A Timeline

- 110 Ignatius of Antioch Martyred
- 117 Hadrian's Persecutions Begin
- 144 Marcion Excommunicated
- 150 Justin Martyr Dedicates *First Apology*
- 155 Polycarp Martyred
- 161 Marcus Aurelius Persecutions Begin
- 165 Justin Martyr is Martyred
- 172 Montanism Begins
- 178 Celsus Writes *True Reason*
- 180 Irenaeus Publishes *Against Heresies*
- 197 Tertullian Begins Writing