

The Middle Ages 500–1500

Background: The Middle Ages: What is it?

- Time period that existed between the _____ and the _____.
- Lasts roughly _____ years, 500–1500
- Other names: _____ or _____ period.
- Often seen as a very _____ and dangerous period

Causes of the Middle Ages

- Fall of Rome was caused by invading _____

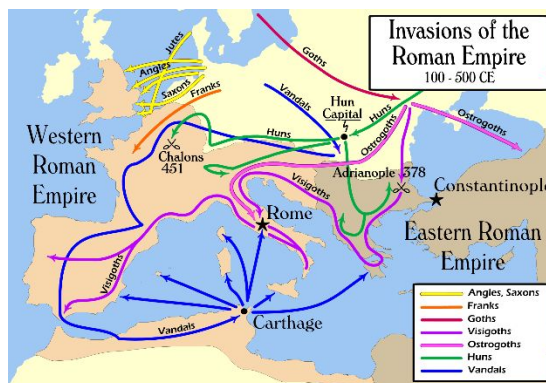
Map Skills Answer the Geography skill builder questions on page 359 about the invasions of Europe

1. What lands did the Vikings raid?

2. Why were the Viking, Magyar, and Muslim invasions so threatening to Europe?

Invasions led to:

- Disruption of _____: Merchant trade collapsed and Europe's economic centers were destroyed. Money also became scarce.
- Downfall of _____: Cities were abandoned as centers of administration.
- Europe became _____: Roman cities left without strong leadership
- Decline of _____: Germanic invaders could not read or write. Learning became less important as people moved to rural areas.
- Loss of a _____: Latin changed as Germanic people mixed with Roman population.
- Loss of established government: Germanic tribes did not have _____ laws nor an orderly government for ruling purposes



Effects of the Middle Ages

How did the Middle Ages Change Europe (Effects)?

- New _____ emerge (Holy Roman Empire)
- Rise of the _____ in Europe

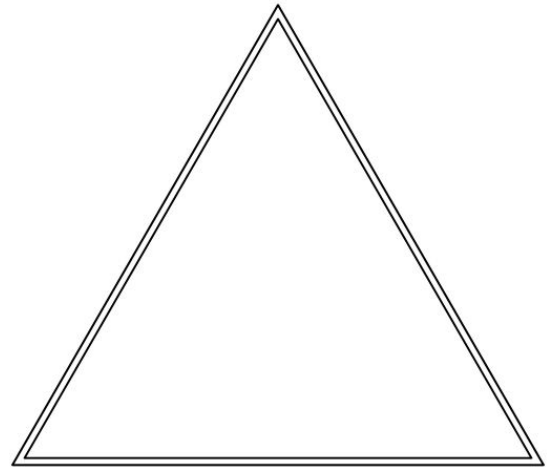
Draw It Out

1. Fill in the European feudal pyramid on your notes using page 361

2. Create drawings of each section of the feudal pyramid that help you remember what each is responsible for. Use class discussion and page 360 (Feudal Pyramid section) to help you.

Effects of the Middle Ages continued...

- The power of the _____ grows rapidly
- The _____(s) grows rapidly
- Europe became rural
- No major emphasis on learning
- New languages replaced Latin
- Early signs of modern European countries start to appear (England & France)
- Rise of _____: a code of behavior for knights in medieval Europe, stressing ideals such as courage, loyalty, and devotion



Analyzing Art: Complete the Skillbuilder on pg 365 in your book

1. In what way does this painting does this painting show the knight's code of chivalry?

Constructive Response: What combining factors changed Europe from a once flourishing Roman Empire into what we now know as the Middle Ages?

