

The Middle Ages

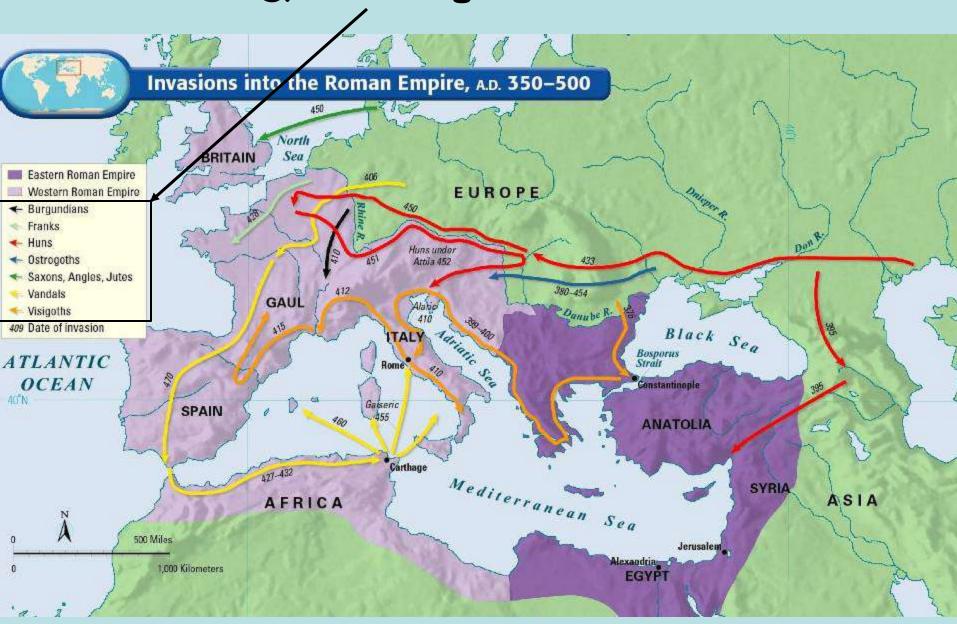
- · When?
 - -476 A.D. (fall of Roman Empire) to 1500s
- What?
 - Between 400-600, small <u>Germanic</u> kingdoms replaced <u>Roman</u> provinces
 - Germans? How did that happen?

....Remember the immediate cause for the fall of the Roman Empire????

Major Eras of European History

- Classical Era (Greece and Rome)
 500 B.C.- 600 A.D.
- Middle Ages (time of knights and castles) 500 A.D. – 1500 A.D.
- Early Modern Era (time of powerful kings and exploration) 1500 A.D. – 1776 A.D.

German Invasions!!!



Impact of Germanic Invasions

Disruption of Trade

- Invasions & wars disrupted trade
- Breakdown of trade destroyed Europe's cities as economic centers

Downfall of Cities

 Cities were abandoned as centers of administration after the fall of the Roman Empire

Population Shifts

- People abandoned cities as trade & gov't collapsed
- Population of western Europe became mostly rural

Decline of Learning

- Normal people became illiterate
- Only the clergy continued to read and write

No Common Language

- Latin mixed with others to form new languages

Concept of Gov't Changes

- The Way It Was
 - Loyalty to public gov't and written law
 - Society held together through citizenship
- The Change
 - Society held together through <u>family ties</u> & <u>personal loyalty</u>
 - Small communities with unwritten laws and traditions
 - Gave no credit to officials claiming to administer justice in the name of an emperor or king they had never met

Kingdom of the Franks

- · Clovis
 - Brought Christianity to the Franks
 - · His wife wanted him to convert
 - He was losing a battle and appealed to the Christian God - "For I have called on my gods, but I find they are far from my aid...Now I call on Thee. I long to believe in Thee. Only, please deliver me from my enemies."
 - He ended up winning, converted, and he and 3,000 of his men were baptized.
 - By 511, Clovis had unified the Franks into one kingdom
 - The Church supported him, marking the beginning of the partnership between two very powerful forces

Kingdom of the Franks

- Charles Martel
 - Gained political power when Clovis died because he was Mayor of the Palace
 - Mayor of the Palace was not king, but he led the armies and made policy, so in effect, he ruled the empire, but he was not king
 - The Moors (Muslims)
 attacked the Franks
 - Charles Martel defeated

 Muslims at the Battle of

 Tours





Kingdom of the Franks

- Pepin the Short
 - Charles Martel's son
 - He wanted to be the king
 - On behalf of the Church, Pepin fought the Lombards, who had invaded Italy and threatened Rome
 - The <u>Pope</u> anointed Pepin "king by the grace of God"
 - This began the <u>Carolingian</u> Dynasty
 - Ruled Franks from 751-987



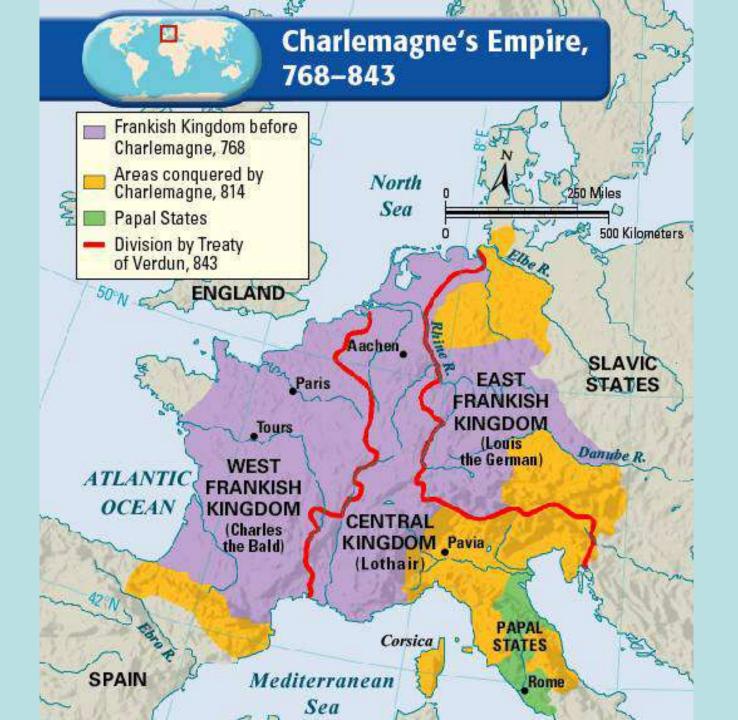
Charlemagne Becomes Emperor

- Pepin the Short died in 768
 - Charles took over in 771 and ruled until 814
 - Became known as
 Charlemagne
 (Charles the
 Great)



Charlemagne Becomes Emperor

- Charlemagne <u>reunited</u> Western Europe and spread <u>Christianity</u> throughout his lands
 - Crowned "Emperor of the Romans" by the Pope
 - This was important because it was the first time a
 Pope had crowned a king and it signaled the joining of
 Germanic power, the Church, and the heritage of the
 Roman Empire
 - Effectively Governed Unified Kingdom
 - Sent out agents to see that counts governed their counties justly
 - Regularly visited every part of his kingdom
 - Supervised the management of his huge estates



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Promoted Education

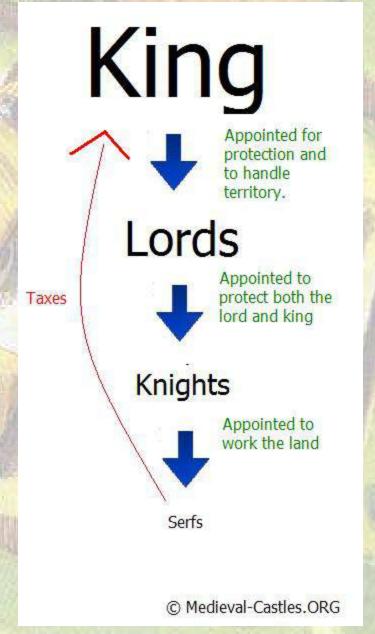
- Invited English, German, Italian, and
 Spanish scholars to come to his empire to teach
- Ordered all clergy to be educated

Charlemagne's Death & What Happened Next

- · Charlemagne's Death
 - Died in 814, left his son Louis the Pious in charge - deeply religious, but ineffective ruler
- · What Happened Next
 - Louis' three sons fought for power,
 eventually split the kingdom into 3 parts
 - This resulted in Carolingian kings losing power & central authority broke down
 - Lack of strong rulers led to the rise of feudalism

Feudalism

- What led to it?
 - Constant brutal fighting amongst nobles
- What was it?
 - Political system in which nobles were granted the use of land that legally belonged to the king
 - In return, the nobles agreed to give their loyalty and military services to the king.
 - Developed not only in Europe, but in countries like Japan and China also





- Based on rights & obligations
 - In exchange for military & other services, a lord (landowner) granted land (fief) to a vassal (person receiving fief)

The Feudal Pyramid



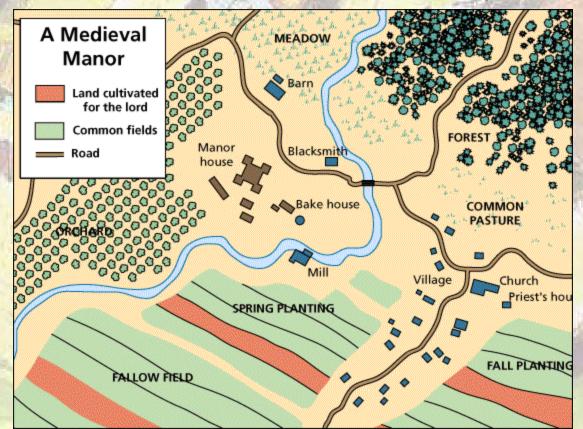
Feudal Social Classes

- · Three Groups:
 - Those Who Fought
 - Nobles & Knights
 - Those Who Prayed
 - · Men and Women of the Church
 - Those Who Worked
 - <u>Peasants</u> (vast majority of people in Europe during Middle Ages)
 - Most peasants were serfs (lowest social class)
 - People who could not lawfully leave the place they were born
 - They were bound to the land, but were not slaves because their lords could not buy or sell them. However, what their labor produced belonged to the lord



The Manorial System

- Manors
 - Self-contained communities that dotted the countryside throughout western Europe



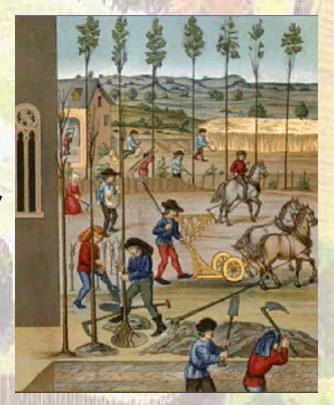
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- Economic Arrangement Between Lord & Serf
 - In exchange for housing, land, and protection, serfs had to perform tasks to maintain the estate and pay several different kinds of taxes

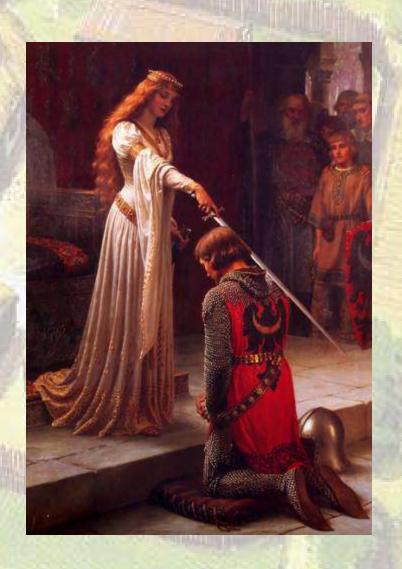
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Serfs

- The manor was practically selfsufficient, producing almost everything needed for daily life, so serfs rarely had to leave their manor for anything
 - Outside purchases included salt, iron, and a few unusual objects like millstones (used to grind flour)
- So why did they accept their economic hardship?
 - Acceptance was part of Church teachings
 - They believed that God decided people's social position



- Education
 - -Age 7
 - Began training as a page in the castle of another lord
 - Age 14
 - Began training as a squire, acting as a servant to a knight
 - Age 21
 - Became a knight



- · Weapons & Equipment
 - Saddle
 - · Kept warrior firmly seated on a moving horse
 - Stirrups
 - · Enabled him to ride & handle heavier weapons
 - Armor
 - High-flying spears



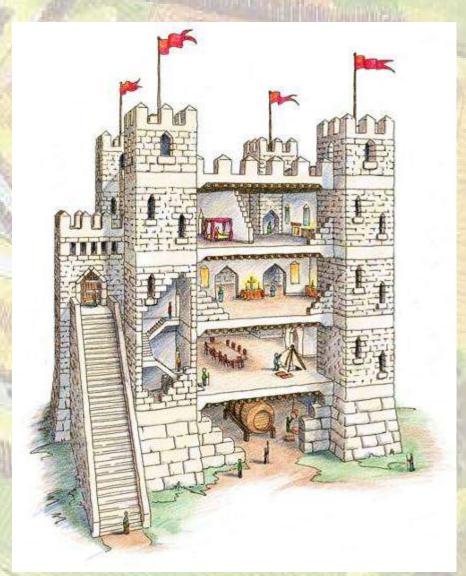
- War Games
 - Fought in local wars or in tournaments
 (jousting)



- Code of Chivalry
 - Be loyal.
 - Be brave.
 - Be courteous.
 - Defend Three Masters:
 - · God
 - · Feudal lord
 - Chosen lady
 - Protect the weak and poor



- · Castle Life
 - Lived in and protected the home of <u>feudal</u> lords
 - Stone castles were designed as fortresses with massive walls and guard towers



- Romantic Love
 - A knight was
 expected to
 defend his chosen
 lady and keep her
 entertained with
 love poems and
 songs







Authority of the Church

- When Charlemagne was crowned Roman Emperor, it was clear the Church sought to influence both spiritual and political matters
- In theory, the Church would hold the authority in <u>spiritual</u> matters and kings would hold authority in <u>political</u> matters
 - In reality, the Church & King <u>competed</u> for power

Structure of the Church

- Pope
- · Cardinal
- · Archbishop
- Bishop
- · Priests
- Monks



A pope's tiara symbolized his power.

Religion as Unifying Force

- In the Middle Ages, religion held people together and bonded them in a time of political turmoil and warfare
- Even though everyday life was hard, anybody could follow the Seven Sacraments to salvation

The Seven Sacraments

- Baptism
- · Confirmation
- · Holy Communion
- · Confession
- Marriage
- · Holy Orders
 - The continuation of Christ's priesthood
- · Anointing the Sick



The Latin word *sacramentum* means "a sign of the sacred." The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Christians. They are special occasions for experiencing God's saving presence. That's what theologians mean when they say that sacraments are at the same time signs and instruments of God's grace.

Church Authority: Canon Law

- All medieval Christians, kings and peasants alike, were subject to canon law (Church law)
 - Matters like marriage and religious practices
 - Established courts to try people accused of breaking canon law
 - Harshest punishments:
 - Excommunication
 - » Banishment from the Church and you were denied salvation (meaning you could not go to Heaven)
 - Interdict
 - » Sacraments & religious services could not be performed in the king's lands



Church Authority: Canon Law

- Pope used excommunication and interdict as political weapons
 - A disobedient king might get excommunicated
 - The king's vassals would be freed from all their duties to him
 - If king continued to disobey Pope, an interdict could be issued against him
 - Remember, sacraments & religious services could not be performed in the king's lands
 - As Christians, the king's subjects believed that without such sacraments they might be doomed to hell, so the king lost his authority

The Church & The Holy Roman Empire

· Otto I

- Otto wanted to limit the power of the <u>nobles</u> and form an alliance with the <u>Church</u>, so he invaded <u>Italy</u> on the <u>Pope's</u> behalf
- The <u>Pope</u> crowned Otto <u>emperor</u>
 - This created a German-Italian empire called the Roman Empire of the German Nation - later came to be known as the Holy Roman Empire



Emperor Clashes with Pope

- Pope Gregory VII
 - He resented the fact that kings,
 like Otto, had control over clergy
 - He banned lay investiture in 1075
 - · Define lay investiture and simony
 - Henry IV
 - Called a meeting of bishops and ordered Gregory to <u>step down from</u> <u>the papacy</u>
 - · Pope Gregory excommunicated Henry
 - Bishops & priests sided with the Pope
 - Henry decided he wanted the Pope's forgiveness





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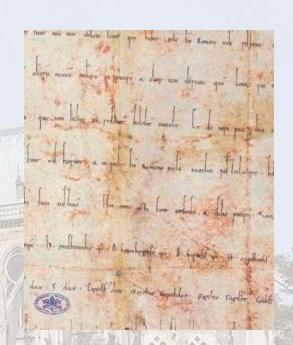
- Showdown at Canossa
 - January 1077 Henry traveled to this town in the Alps and waited in the snow for three days, begging for forgiveness
 - Pope Gregory forgave Henry
 - · Henry had been humiliated, but he felt triumphant and rushed home to punish rebellious nobles



HENRY IV AT CANOSSA

Emperor Clashes with Pope

- Concordat of Worms
 - The issue of lay investiture remained undecided, despite all the stuff that happened between Henry & Gregory
 - -1122
 - Representatives of Church & emperor met in the German city of Worms
 - · Compromise reached:
 - The Church alone could <u>appoint a bishop</u>, but the emperor could <u>veto the</u> <u>appointment</u>



Church Reform

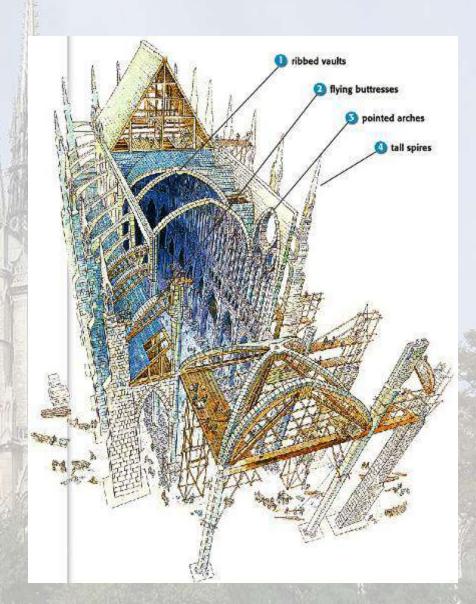
- · Problems in the Church
 - Some priests nearly illiterate
 - Some popes were men of questionable morals
 - Reformers had 3 main issues:
 - · Many village priests married & had families
 - This was against Church rulings
 - · Bishops sold positions in the church (simony)
 - Using <u>lay investiture</u>, kings appointed church bishops
 - Reformers believed the Church alone should appoint bishops

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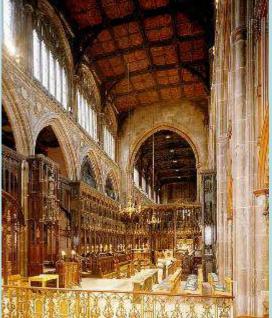
- · Benedictine monastery in Cluny
 - Reformers that founded it desired to return to the basic principles of Christianity
- · Power of Pope extended
 - Church had its own court (<u>Papal Curia</u>), tax system, and diplomats

Church Reform

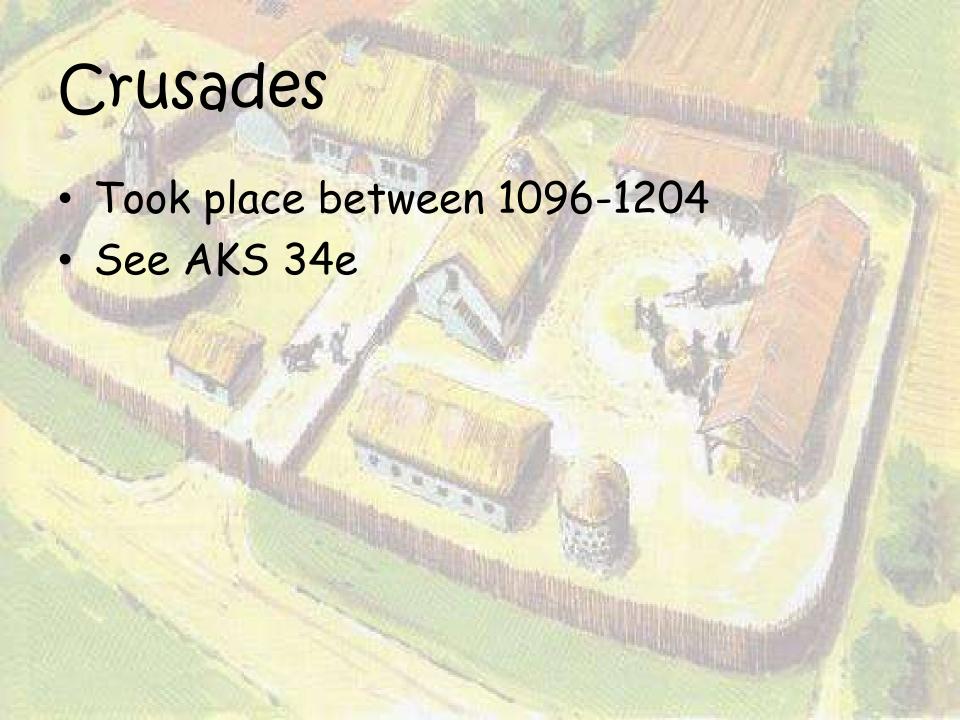
- · Cathedrals
 - Church was wealthy
 - Cathedrals
 represented the
 City of God, so
 they were richly
 decorated and
 glorious buildings
 - Built in the <u>Gothic</u>
 <u>style</u> of architecture

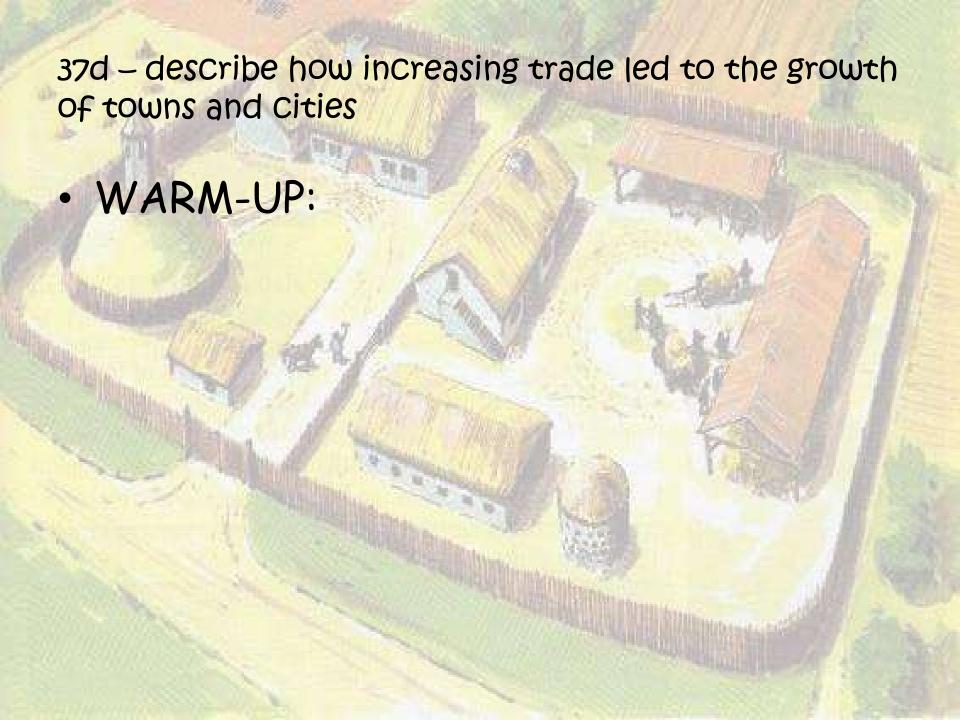












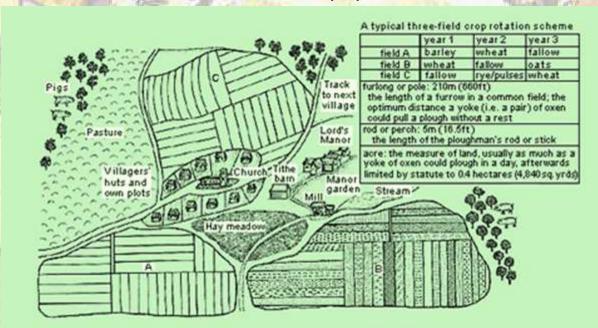
Switch to Horsepower

- Horses gradually replaced oxen for plowing and for pulling wagons
- Farmers began using a new type of harness that fit across a horse's chest



· Three-Field System

- Farmers began growing crops on 2/3 of their land each year (rather than $\frac{1}{2}$)
 - Food production, including sources of vegetable protein, increased
 - This led to an increase in population



Guilds

- Organized and changed the way business was done
- Trained young people in a skilled job, regulated the quality of goods sold, and were major forces in community life

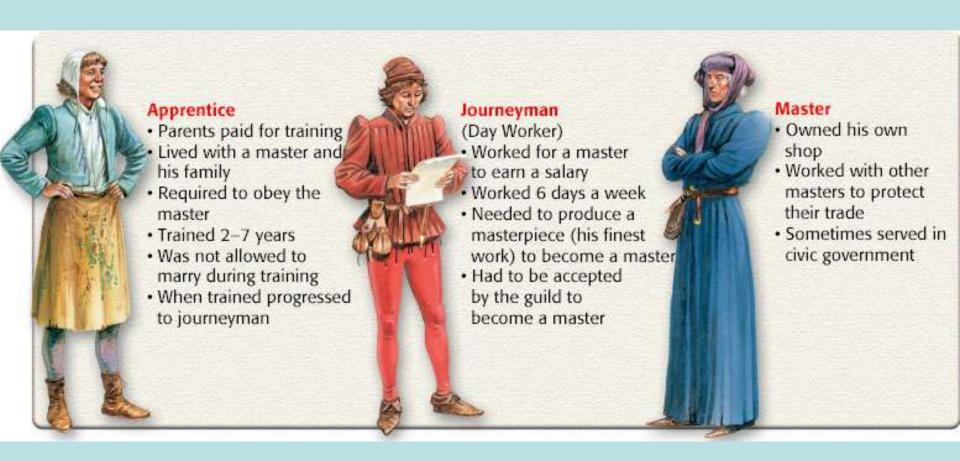
Guild Services

To members:

- Set working conditions
- Covered members with a type of health insurance
- Provided funeral expenses
- Provided dowries for poor girls

To the community:

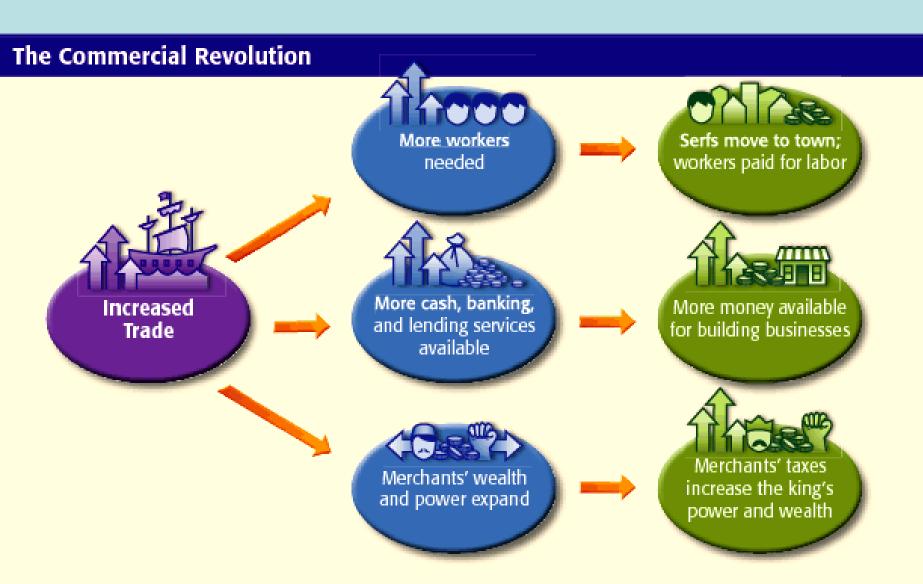
- Built almshouses for victims of misfortune
- Guaranteed quality work
- Took turns policing the streets
- Donated windows to the Church



Commercial Revolution

- Expansion of trade and business
- More goods were available
- New trade routes opened
 - Towns became trade centers
- Banking became an important business





Urban Life Flourishes

- As trade blossomed and farming methods improved, the population of western Europe increased
 - Rose from 30 million to 42 million between 1000 and 1150
- As people left life on the manor for life in towns, they challenged the <u>traditional</u> ways of feudal society in which everyone had a place
 - People were pursuing the economic and social opportunities the towns offered

Revival of Learning

- Authors and Vernacular
 - Vernacular = everyday language
 - Writers brought literature to many people, since most people could not read or understand Latin
 - Growing trade & growing cities brought a new interest in learning
 - Universities (groups of scholars and students) arose in western Europe

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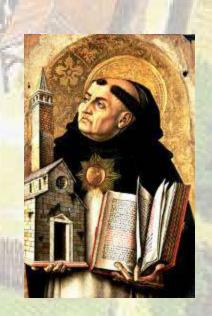
Expanded Knowledge

- Christian scholars from Europe visited Muslim libraries in Spain, and Jewish scholars translated Arabic copies of Greek writings into Latin
 - Europeans acquired a whole new body of knowledge in this way

Medieval Philosophy

Thomas Aquinas

- Argued that the most basic religious truths could be proved by logical argument
- Scholastics, like Aquinas, debated Aristotle and issues of the time
 - Teachings on law & gov't influenced thinking of western Europeans (especially French and English)
 - Thus began the development of democratic institutions & traditions



OTHER NOTABLE HISTORICAL EVENTS OF THE TIME PERIOD

WARM-UP:

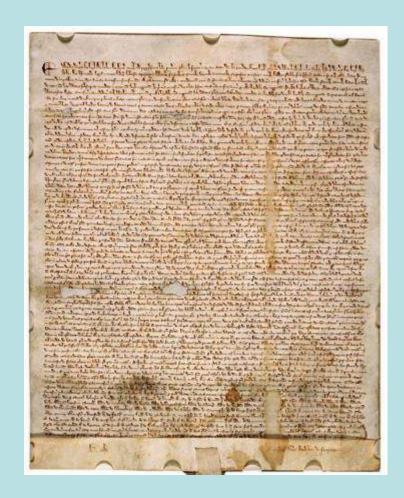
- Battle of Hastings (1066)
 - Normans, under William the Conqueror defeated Harold Godwinson, Anglo-Saxon king
 - · English lords lost their land
 - William granted fiefs to Norman lords
 - · They swore loyalty to him personally
 - Laid the foundation for <u>centralized</u>
 <u>gov't</u>



- Henry II
 - Became ruler of England in 1154
 - Strengthened England's
 legal system
 - Sent royal judges to parts of England to collect taxes, settle lawsuits, & punish crimes
 - Introduced the use of the jury in English courts
 - Laid foundation for English common law



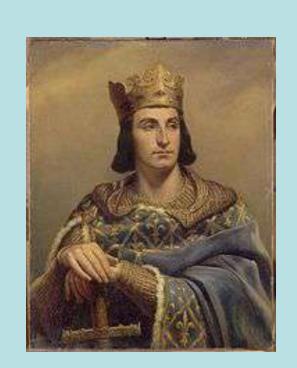
- Magna Carta
 - Signed by King John of England in 1215
 - Justinian's Code was very similar to the Magna Carta
 - Guaranteed what are now seen as certain basic legal rights in both England and the US
 - Included:
 - No taxation without representation
 - Trial by jury
 - Protection of the law



- Meeting of Model Parliament
 - Met in 1295 under the reign of Edward I
 - Considered a major step toward <u>democratic</u> government because:
 - It was a legislative group composed of commoners - burgesses from every borough and knights from every county
 - ** Under Edward I, Parliament was a royal tool that weakened the great lords, but as time went on, it became strong enough to provide a check on royal power

France Develops

- Philip II
 - 1204 regained Normandy from the English
 - Strengthened <u>central gov't</u> in France
 - Increased land under his control and became more powerful than any of his vassals
 - Established royal officials called bailiffs who presided over his courts and collected his taxes throughout Europe



France Develops

- Louis IX
 - Becomes king in 1226
 - Strengthened
 monarchy, weakened
 feudal ties by:
 - · Created an appeals court
 - This court could overturn decisions of local courts



France Develops

- Creation of Estates-General
 - First Estate
 - Church leaders
 - Second Estate
 - Great lords (nobles)
 - Third Estate
 - · Added by Philip
 - <u>Commoners</u>, <u>landowners</u>, <u>or merchants</u> that Philip invited to participate in the council
 - Collectively, they were known as the Estates-General

Recap

The Development of England and France

England



- William the Conqueror invades England in 1066.
- Henry II (1154–1189) introduces use of the jury in English courts.
- John (1199–1216) agrees to the Magna Carta in 1215.
- Edward I (1272–1307) calls the Model Parliament in 1295.

France



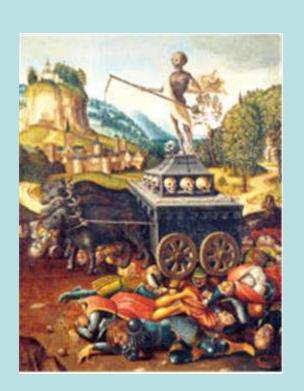
- · Hugh Capet increases the territory of France.
- Philip II (1180–1223) established bailiffs to preside over courts and collect taxes.
- Louis IX (1226–1270) creates a French appeals court.
- Philip IV (1285–1314) adds Third Estate to the Estates-General.

Factors Leading to the End of Medieval Society

- · The Great Schism
 - Began in <u>1305</u> when the College of Cardinals chose a French pope who moved the papacy from <u>Rome</u> to <u>Avignon</u>
 - Resolved in <u>1417</u> when the Council of Constance elected a <u>new pope</u> to replace the three popes who had been forced to resign (with help from Holy Roman Emperor)
 - This event significantly weakened the Church

Factors Leading to the End of Medieval Society

- The Bubonic Plague
 - Began in Asia
 - Spread to Europe through trade
 - · flea-infested rats
 - Caused a severe decline in population and trade
 - Caused higher prices
 - Caused peasant revolts
 - Caused a decline in the <u>manorial</u> system
 - When prayer and penances failed to stop the plague, the Church <u>lost</u> <u>prestige</u>

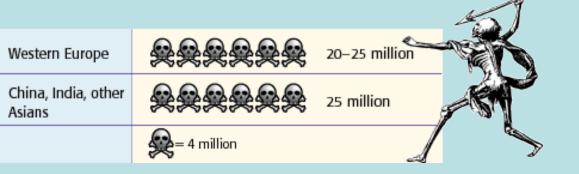


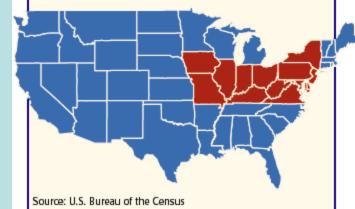


- The horse-riding Mongols likely carried infected fleas and rats in their food supplies as they swooped into China.
- The disease came with merchants along the trade routes of Asia to southern Asia, southwest Asia, and Africa.
- 3 In 1345–46, a Mongol army besieged Kaffa. A year later, Italian merchants returned to Italy, unknowingly bringing the plague with them.

If the Plague Struck America Today

The bubonic plague reportedly wiped out about one-third of Europe's population in the 1300s. In the United States today, a one-third death toll would equal over 96 million people, or the number living in the states represented by the color.





Factors Leading to the End of Medieval Society

- The Hundred Years' War
 - Reason:
 - England's Edward III <u>claimed rights to the</u>
 <u>French throne</u> when Philip IV died (b/c he was Philip's grandson)
 - Outcome:
 - French eventually <u>won</u> and the English <u>left</u>
 France (except for port city of Calais)
 - Effect on Medieval Society:
 - The Age of Chivalry <u>died</u> and <u>nationalism</u> replaced feudal loyalties

Recap of Factors Leading to the End of Medieval Society

- 1. Great Schism=weakens Church
- 2. Bubonic Plague=weakens church and peasants ask for more rights
- 3. New weapons
 - Longbow = fatal within 100 yards=no need for knights
 - Cannon=tear down castle walls
- 4. Hundred Years War
 - People feel more loyal to their own country and king
 - The king is no longer just a lord, but a national leader

Growth of the King's power

- Strong kings arose btwn 1450 and 1500s that did not base their power on feudalism. The new monarchs had three important new sources of power
 - 1. Control of taxes
 - Every class pays taxes to the king
 - 2. A professional army
 - Soldiers are hired from all classes
 - 3. Professional officials
 - Both noble and middle class