#### World History SOL 9

#### Western Europe during the Middle Ages (500-1000 AD)

\* The Roman Catholic Church grew in importance after Roman authority declined. It became a unifying force in western Europe.

\* During the Middle Ages, the Pope anointed the Emperors, missionaries carried Christianity to the Germanic tribes & the Church served the social, political & religious needs of the people.



Classical heritage of Rome
Christian beliefs
Customs of Germanic tribes

# Influence of the Roman Catholic Church

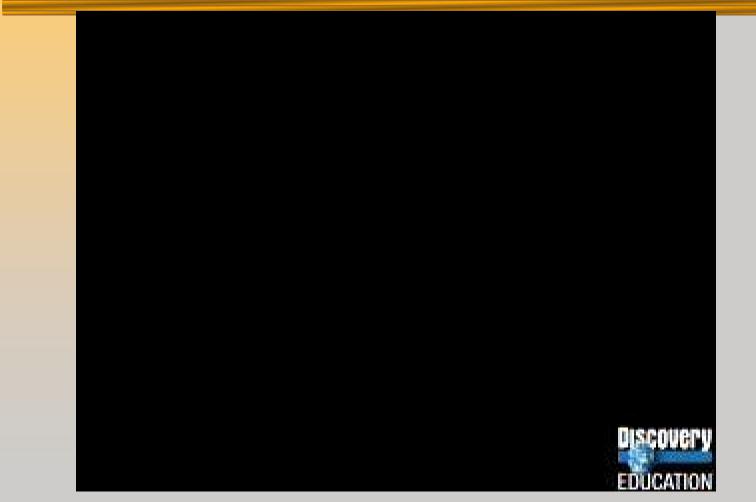
- Secular authority declined, while Church authority grew
- \* Monasteries preserved Greco-Roman cultural achievements
- Missionaries carried Christianity & Latin alphabet to Germanic tribes
- \* Pope anointed Charlemagne Emperor in 800 AD
- \* Parish priests served religious & social needs of the people

 The decline of the Roman influence in Western Europe left people with little protection against invasion, so they entered into feudal agreements with land-holding lords who promised them protection.
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 Invasions shattered Roman protection over the Empire.



## Middle Ages in Europe



Feudal Society during the Middle Ages

Fief
Vassals
Serfs
Feudal obligations

Manorial System during the Middle Ages

Rigid class structureSelf-sufficient manors

Frankish kings used military power to expand their territory.

The alliance between the Frankish kings & the Church re-established Roman culture (Christianity) in Western Europe.

## Age of Charlemagne

- Franks emerged as a force in Western Europe
   Pope crowned the Emperor
- Power of the Church was established in political life
- **\*** Roman culture was reinterpreted
- Most of Western Europe was included in the new empire.
- Churches, roads, & schools were built to unite the empire

Invasions by Angles, Saxons, Magyars & Vikings disrupted the social, economic & political order of Europe.

#### **Areas of Settlement**

\*Angles & Saxons migrated from continental Europe to England

- Magyars migrated from Central Asia to Hungary
- Vikings migrated from Scandinavia to Russia

Influence of the Angles, Saxons, Magyars & Vikings

\*Manors with castles provided protection from invaders, reinforcing the feudal system

Invasions disrupted trade, towns declined & the feudal system was strengthened.