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Chapter 17 – The Early Middle Ages – Study Guide

After the fall of Rome, Europe entered a period of isolation



Eurasia –

Topography –

Scandinavia –



section 1 geography of europe

Describe the geography of each area in Europe below.

Area	Geography
Northern Europe	
Scandinavia	
Southern Europe	

Answer questions on page 499 #1-2 in complete sentences below.

1a	
1b	
2a	
2b	
2c	

section 2 europe after the fall of rome

Christianity Spreads to Northern Europe

How did Europe become many small kingdoms? _____

This marked the beginning of the _____, a period from about 500-1500 (falling between ancient times and modern times) and is also referred to as the _____

Middle Ages –

Also known as –

Also known as –

Saint Patrick –



Monks and monasteries –

Charlemagne and the Franks –

What effect did the Vikings, Muslims, and Magyars have on post-Rome Europe? –

Beowulf –



Was all of Europe Christian at this time? Yes/No

What helped spread Christianity throughout northern Europe?

_____ and _____

Who are missionaries? _____

Most of these missionaries were sent by the _____ to spread Christianity.

Were all missionaries sent by this person? Yes/No

Who were monks? _____

Communities of monks are called _____

What is the Benedictine Rule? _____

The Franks build an Empire

Who are the Franks and what did they do? _____

Who was the greatest ruler of the Franks? _____

How did Charlemagne become Emperor of the Romans (which symbolized a return of the Roman Empire)? _____

What were some positive things that Charlemagne accomplished during his rule?

Invaders Threaten Europe

Name three groups that threatened Europe

1.

2.

3.

Which group of invaders were the most threatening to Europeans and what did those groups of people do to Europeans? _____

Predict what you think will happen next to Europe?

**section 3
feudalism and manor life**

Feudalism Governs Knights and Nobles

Nobles couldn't depend on protection from the _____ so they had to defend their own _____. Because of this the power of the _____ grew and _____ became less powerful.



Feudalism (the Feudal System / Manor System) –

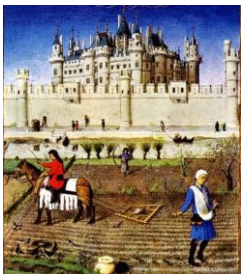
Why did Europeans join together to live under the feudal system? –

Manor –

Vassal (Lord/Lady) –

Knight –

Serf –



Some nobles became as powerful as the kings, but the nobles remained loyal to the _____

To defend the land the nobles needed soldiers, so they got _____

Knights needed weapons, armor, and horses but all this was expensive and people couldn't afford these items so nobles gave knights _____, or _____

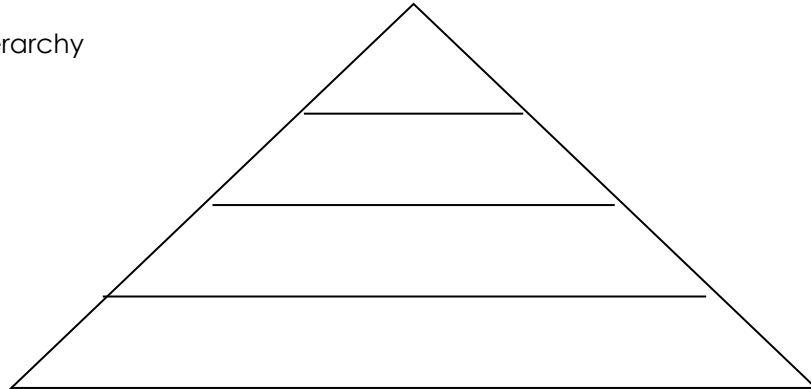
In return for land the knight promised to support _____....this was also called _____

So...(confused yet?!!) this relationship between a lord (noble) and vassals (knight) is known as _____

Duties

Lord's duties	
Vassal's duties	

Hierarchy



Feudalism Spreads

Where are some locations Feudalism has spread in the past? _____

The Manor System

When a knight received a fief from his lord, he needed what? _____

How did knights resolve this problem? _____

Large estates owned by a knight or lord were called _____

What is a serf? _____

What was the relationship between the serf and the lord? _____

Who else worked on the manor for the lord? _____ what did they do _____

Name some things the manor lord did: _____

Eleanor of Aquitaine –



Chivalry –

Haiku –



What did women of the Middle Ages do? _____

Towns and Trade Grow

What led to the growth of medieval towns? _____

What are some things that caused the decline of feudalism? _____

**section 4
feudal societies**

Feudal Societies Share Common Elements

What other country also had a form of feudalism during the same time Europe had feudalism? _____

In your own words...sum up how feudalism worked. _____

How was feudalism set up in Japan? _____

Name several similarities between knights and samurai:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Europe and Japan Differ

What was the main difference between Europe and Japan during this time?

What was another difference between these two areas? _____

Let's sum it all up.....

Feudal Japan

Feudal Europe

