

Middle Age Unit: Study Guide

Terms You Need to Know:

Feudalism	Castle	Crusades	Magna Carta
Bubonic Plague	Fief	Manorialism	Berserker
Serfs	Dark Ages	Vikings	

The Middle Ages:

When were the Middle Ages (between what two eras)?

Where did it mainly occur?

Why was it called the Middle Ages?

Feudal System:

What is the feudalism?

Who were the serfs?

What is Manorialism?

What is a manor?

What represented "power" in the Feudal System?

Be familiar with the feudalism pyramid, noting who was at the top and bottom of the pyramid.

Why was feudalism considered to be based on loyalty and service? (King to Nobles, Nobles to Serfs)

Knights and Castles:

What is a castle?

Why were castles built?

What was the Code of Chivalry?

Why did castles become ineffective?

How were individuals punished during the Middle Ages?

Charlemagne-- King of the Franks:

What improvements did King Charlemagne make during his time of rule?

What was the significance of the Coat of Arms?

Black Death:

Where did the Black Death originally start?

Why is it called the Black Death?

Why was it called the Bubonic Plague?

How was the Bubonic Plague transmitted?

What effects did the plague have on Europe?

Approximately what percent of the population did the Black Death eliminate?

Vikings:

Why did Vikings go on raids?

Where did the Vikings originally come from?

Describe the Vikings' ships?

The Crusades:

What were the Crusades?

Which three religions were involved in the Crusades?

Who were the Christians fighting?

What effect did the Crusades have on Europe?

Magna Carta:

Who signed the Magna Carta?

What problems arose during King John's reign?

Why was the Magna Carta so important and what impact did it have on the Middle Ages?