

Guided Lesson Notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Middle Ages in Western Europe

Directions: Complete this study guide as you move through the lesson. By taking notes, you are more likely to remember what you are learning. The completed study guide can be used for practice activities and to prepare for quizzes and exams. Be sure to save each study guide so you can access it when you need it.

Essential Vocabulary

As you encounter these World History terms in the lesson, enter the meaning and an example (or two) for each. You can even draw a picture. If there are other unfamiliar words you find, enter them in the blank spaces provided.

<i>Dark Ages</i>	<i>Middle Ages</i>
<i>medieval</i>	<i>feudal</i>
<i>fief</i>	<i>vassal</i>

<i>serf</i>	<i>manor</i>
<i>chivalry</i>	<i>manorialism</i>

A Time of Turbulent Transition

1. What caused people in Western Europe to leave cities and live in villages during the Early Middle Ages?

2. How did life under feudal lords differ from life during the Roman Empire?

3. What happened to Roman infrastructure like sewers and aqueducts after the empire fell?

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The Three Stages of the Middle Ages

Stages of European History		
<i>K – What you Know</i>	<i>W – Want to Know</i>	<i>L – What you Learn</i>

Mapping the Middle Ages

After the fall of Rome, various invaders swarmed Western Europe. The Franks, Britons, Lombards, Vandals, and the Germanic tribes all tried to impose their influence.

Do some research on the Internet to find out a little more about these people. Write one sentence per group describing who they are.

Franks:	
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Britons:	
Lombards:	
Vandals:	
Germanic tribes:	

A New Order

3 Facts
2 Questions
1 Comment

Layers in a Feudal System

<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	1. In the feudal system, a vassal pledged loyalty to a monarch in exchange for land.
<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	2. Serfs in the feudal system had the freedom to own land and move between estates.
<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	3. Knights were granted land in return for protecting the fief and its people.

Thugs and Enforcers

1. Why were knights originally needed in medieval Europe?

2. How did some lords misuse their knights during feudal conflicts?

3. What was the purpose of the “Peace of God” declared by the Church?

4. What did the “Truce of God” restrict knights from doing?

5. How did the Church use relics to influence knights' behavior?

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Chivalry

Main Idea/ Big Concept Summarize the central idea in 1–2 sentences.	
Key Facts/ Supporting Details Use bullet points to list important facts, dates, terms, or examples.	
Vocabulary/ Terms to Know Define important terms or concepts mentioned.	

A Castle on Every Hill

1. Castles were often built on _____, so they could serve as both beacons and watchtowers.

2. Lords taxed their _____ to pay for construction of castles, sometimes forcing them to work as unskilled laborers.
3. The _____ was the central room in a castle where the lord's family dined and planned for war.