



The Middle Ages

Outcome: Causes/Effects of the Middle Ages

Discussion Question: If our American government disappeared today, how would our lives be different tomorrow? Next month? Next year?



1. The Middle Ages: What is it?

- Time period that existed between the _____ and the _____
- Lasts roughly _____ years, _____ - _____
- Other names: _____ or _____ period
- Often seen as a very _____ and _____ period

2. Causes of the Middle Ages

- Fall of _____ was caused by invading _____
- Invasions led to:
 - Disruption of _____: Merchant trade collapsed and Europe's economic centers were destroyed. Money also became scarce.
 - Downfall of _____: Cities were abandoned as centers of administration.
 - Europe became _____: Roman cities left without strong leadership.
 - Decline of _____: Germanic invaders could not read or write. Learning became less important as people moved to rural areas.
 - Loss of a _____: Latin changed as Germanic people mixed with Roman population.
 - Loss of _____: Germanic tribes did not have _____ laws nor an _____ for ruling purposes



3. How did the Middle Ages change Europe (Effects)?

- New _____ (Holy Roman Empire)
- _____ of the _____ in Europe
- The power of the _____ (Catholic) _____ rapidly
- The _____ (s) grows rapidly
- Europe became _____ (safer?)
- No major emphasis on _____
- New languages _____
- Early signs of modern European countries start to appear (_____ & _____)

