Middle Ages Study Guide

Key Words:

1. Pilgrimage🡺 A journey to a religious area to show devotion to God or the religious figure.
2. Chivalry🡺 Code of conduct for Knights in the Middle Ages
3. Religious Art🡺 Created by artist in the Middle Ages because their religion inspired them. It was also created to teach people about religion because many people in the Middle Ages could not read or write.

Feudalism:

1. What is Feudalism? 🡺 The social class system in Europe during the Middle Ages
2. How does it work? 🡺 People are placed in specific areas based on their class ranking.
3. Who is in charge? 🡺 The King has the power over the country, and the lord has control over the manor.
4. Where do people live? 🡺 Castles & Manors

Monarchies:

1. What is a monarchy? A Type of government where one person holds all the power and that person is a King.
2. Who has the power? The King
3. Are there any famous monarchies from Europe? ==> England, France, Russia, Spain

Vikings:

1. Who were the Vikings? 🡺 A group of people from Sweden, Denmark, and Norway (Scandinavia). They would raid and rob villages for food and supplies.
2. What land did they raid and invade? 🡺The Coast of Europe and the Atlantic Ocean.

William the Conqueror:

1. Who was he? 🡺King of England. Created England’s 1st monarchy
2. What did he do for England? 🡺Centralized England’s Government
3. Explain how the English Language developed. 🡺 Anglo-Saxon Language + French = English Language

The Crusades:

1. Who fought in them? 🡺 Muslims and Christians
2. What were they fighting over? The Holy Land (Jerusalem)
3. Who won? 🡺 At the end of the war, the Muslims controlled Jerusalem
4. What was its impact? 🡺 It opened up trade between the East and the West

Byzantine Empire & Asia:

1. What was the difference between Europe & Asia during the Middle Ages? 🡺 Asia was more advanced than Europe during the Middle Ages. While Europe was struggling, Asia was successful.
2. Explain how trade opened up between Europe & China. 🡺 The Silk Road
3. Where was the Byzantine Empire? 🡺 Modern Day Turkey & Mesopotamia (Easter Roman Empire)
4. How was it related to Rome? 🡺 It was a part of the Roman Empire
5. Who was Justinian? 🡺 Emperor of the Byzantine Empire
6. What were Justinian’s contributions? Justinian Code

The Plague:

1. What was it? A Disease
2. How did it spread? Trade; Rats🡺Fleas🡺 Humans
3. What was its impact on the world?
   1. The Church lost power
   2. Advancements were lost
   3. Society Structure Changed
   4. End of the Mongol Empire