

Notes--The Early Middle Ages #32

Geography

**Southern Europe--Coastal plains, mountains, hills, warm and sunny
--sheep, goats, olives, grapes, seafood**

**Northern Europe--Flat, plains, forests, rivers, cool, wet, cold winters
--all sorts of crops**

Scandinavia--freezing, few plants.

Europe after the Fall of Rome

Middle Ages=Medieval

--(Between Ancient and Modern)

Missionaries, Monks spread Christianity

Missionaries--tried to convert others

--Most sent by the Pope (head of Church)

--Patrick--converted Ireland

Monks--Religious men who lived in isolated groups.

--lived in monasteries

--life strictly organized

--Benedict--Benedictine rules for Monks

--ran schools, copied books, saved knowledge, started hospitals

Charlemagne=Charles the Great

--United Franks to build a huge empire (France)

--Spread Christianity

--crowned "Emperor of Romans" by Pope

--built many schools, supported education

Vikings--from Scandinavia

--raiders--attacked towns, monestaries

--took prisoners to sell into slavery.

--Used ships, rivers to attack all of Europe.

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Feudalism--System of relationships

Kings--nobles--knights--serfs and peasants

Lords=Those who owned land.

Vassals=Those who took land (fiefs) in exchange for giving support to their lord

William the Conqueror--brought feudalism to England 1066

The Manor System

A Manor was the large estate owned by a lord--farms, buildings, castles, land, etc.

Peasants= free workers

Serfs=workers tied to land (not slaves)--got food, some land, protection

Women--worked hard, ran households, did not own land.

Eleanor of Aquitaine-Queen of France--later Queen of England-powerful ruler

**Year 1000, small towns--later towns grew
--more people moved to cities**

Why?

--New heavier plow=more food=more people

--horse collar-farm horses faster than oxen=more food

--increased trade=more money in cities

Move to cities began to end Feudal system

Knights

Knights-Warriors on horses

Code of Chivalry--honorable behavior

Knights must be

--brave and loyal to their lords and church

--humble and modest

--kind and generous to all, especially women

Knights were greatly admired.