

Popes and Kings

Popes had power

- Nearly everyone belonged
- Pope-God's representative
- Could excommunicate (kick out)
- If kicked out, no heaven.

Kings had power in France and England
King weak in Holy Roman Empire
(Charlemagne's old empire)

King Henry IV challenged Pope Gregory VII
He was excommunicated, then allowed back
Pope more powerful

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Crusades

Palestine (Holy Land) controlled by Muslims
--allowed Christians

Turkish Muslims capture Palestine
--No longer safe for Christians

Pope Urban II agreed to help
Asked for Crusaders to force Muslims out

Why did many become Crusaders?

- God wanted it.
- Land and treasure
- Adventures

First Crusade-captured Holy land
Muslims later got it back

Second Crusade--failed--poor planning
Third Crusade--failed
--Richard I (England) vs. Saladin (Muslim)
--Richard I respected by all
--Saladin kind to fallen enemies

Fourth Crusade--failed
--Christians sacked Constantinople

Why did the Crusades fail?

- War very far
- Unprepared for desert
- Outnumbered by Muslims
- Muslims well-led and well-organized
- Christians fought among themselves

Results

- Trade grew between Europe and Asia
- New ideas and products-apricots, rice, cotton cloth
- Kings power increased
- Muslims distrust Christians

Christianity

Religion was in all parts of society.

- Monks-some became stricter.(monasteries)
- Nuns-(convents)
- Friars-simple lives-lived with public.
 - Saint Francis of Assisi-(Franciscans)
 - kindness to all people and animals.

New Universities built-education grows
--Saint Thomas Aquinas-great thinker
--natural law=Science and God=related

Much Church Art--Gothic Churches,
windows, paintings, clothing, tapestries,
illuminated lettering

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Political and Social Change

Magna Carta="Great Charter"

- England--nobles weakened king's power
- Document with people's rights
- No jail without proven reason etc.
 - King must follow laws-(inspired U.S. rights)

Hundred Years War-France/England

- Who will rule France?
- Joan of Arc inspired French to win.
- King of England becomes more weak
- English parliament becomes stronger
- French king grows stronger

Black Death--Plague

- 1348-- hits all of Europe
- caused by fleas living on rats
- probably arrived on ships from Asia
- spread quickly and easily
- more than 1/3 of people died (25 million)
- some villages all dead, some cities 50% die

Results

- manor system fell apart
- survivors could demand higher wages
- many then moved to cities
- some blamed Jews
- some began to question the church

Challenges

Christian Church vs. Heretics (nonbelievers)
--many tortured, killed

Spain-King Ferdinand/Queen Isabella
--Reconquista-war against Muslim Moors
--Muslims chased out of Spain
--Jews also chased out (from Europe too)

Spanish and (later)Portuguese Inquisition
--King and Queen started it for more power and control in Spain
--Search and punishment of heretics (heresy=against beliefs of church.)
--Thousands accused, killed, burned at stake.