Middle Ages: Europe - Vocab Cards

Attila the Hun]>

leader of the Hunnic empire from 434-453 CE, who led raids against cities and territories in the Western Roman Empire.

Romans feared being raided by _Attila the Hun_ and his vicious warriors, who invaded parts of Western Europe from 434-453 CE.



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Byzantine Empire]>

the eastern half of the Roman Empire. It survived for a thousand years after the western part of the Roman Empire fell.

Thriving for 1,000 years after the Roman Empire split into two parts in the fourth century, the _Byzantine Empire_ came to include parts of the Balkan Peninsula and Asia Minor.



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Charlemagne]>

emperor of the Holy Roman Empire from 800 until his death in 814.

Charlemagne was the head of the Holy Roman Empire from 800 to 814. His kingdom included much of Western Europe.



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chivalry]>

a value system in the Middle Ages that stressed loyalty, courage and honor and that knights were expected to follow.

The knight demonstrated great _chivalry_ when he protected the peasant family during the raid.

Synonyms: honor, integrity, nobility

Antonyms: rudeness

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Crusade]>

a series of wars fought between 1095 and 1291 in which Catholics in Europe tried to take land from the Muslims in the Middle East.



Catholics fought to take over Muslim territories during the _Crusades_.

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knight]>

a man who had to follow the code of chivalry and fight on horseback for the king in the Middle Ages. They often wore armor.

Noblemen were often _knights_, soldiers who had great advantages over other fighters because they wore armor and rode horses.



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Magna Carta]>

the charter, or official document, stating the rights of the English people. The barons forced King John to sign it in 1215.

When King John of England approved the _Magna Carta_ in 1215, he gave basic political rights to his people.



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Plague]>

a contagious disease that killed many people in the Middle Ages.

Thankfully, the _Plague_ , which killed many people in Europe during the Middle Ages, is now a very rare disease.

Synonyms: Black Death, bubonic plague



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serf]>

in feudalism, a person who belonged to a low social class. They served a lord and were attached to the lord's land.

In the Middle Ages, a _serf_ was bound to serve a lord by working on his land.



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Viking]>

a member of a group of Scandinavian people who were sea warriors. They raided and settled the coasts of Europe from 700-1100.

Europeans who lived in coastal villages were terrified of being attacked by Vikings, Scandinavian warriors who arrived in expertly built ships.



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