

AP European History: Summer Assignment

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This assignment, which is due on the second day of the 2017-18 school year, is designed to help me evaluate your written and analytical skill levels. Your grade will not be determined based on whether your answers are “right” or “wrong,” but in the effort shown in completing the assignment and your ability to follow directions.

Why am I giving you a summer assignment? Its purpose, in addition to the assessment already mentioned, is to provide you with some necessary background information for this course, as well as give you a bit of experience in the kinds of documents, both primary and secondary, that you will be working with over the course of the year. The AP European History curriculum officially covers the period from 1450 A.D. to the present. However, in order for you to accurately understand the events commencing in 1450, it is critical that you have a basic understanding of some of the major events and trends that led up to that point.

There are two parts to the assignment. The first is a reading providing a broad background on Medieval Europe leading up to the Renaissance, with several associated questions and definitions. The second is a simple version of a *DBQ*, or Document Based Question, introducing you to one type of essay (and analysis) that will be required during this course, and giving you the opportunity to engage in some simple analysis of content and point of view in primary documents.

It shouldn't take more than 2-3 hours to finish the assignment, as I didn't want to overwhelm you with work – enjoy the heck out of summer, get lots of rest, and have fun!

If at any time you have questions about the assignment, please contact me at csheridan@dupage88.net, and I'll get back to you as quickly as I can.

AP European History: Summer Assignment Part I

Directions: Answer each of the discussion questions following the reading, *by hand, in complete sentences, on a separate sheet, in blue or black ink*, and define/explain each of the identification terms. Be sure to *label* your response as "Summer Assignment Part I."

"Medieval Europe: From the Fall of Rome to the Renaissance"

A Background Reading Linking Classical to Modern Times

From approximately 200 B.C. to 476 A.D., the "civilized" areas of Europe and the Near East were dominated, ruled, and imprinted with a lasting influence from the Roman Empire. At its greatest extent, the Roman Empire stretched east to include Greece, Turkey, Syria, Mesopotamia and Persia; it stretched south to encompass Africa north of the Sahara from Egypt to the Atlantic; and, it stretched north and west in Europe with its frontiers on the Danube and the Rhine and included Great Britain south of Scotland and Hadrian's Wall. This great empire crumbled for a variety of reasons including: internal political corruption; economic and social difficulties arising from ruling such a vast territory; the high cost of warfare to maintain the empire; labor surplus problems largely caused by slavery; overindulgence by the citizenry; and immorality, indolence, and reduced production causing heavy public welfare expenses. Religious and ethnic strife caused division of the people of Rome from within while Germanic tribes invaded the Empire from the North and East. The fall of Rome actually occurred gradually over a period of many years, but is usually set at 476 A.D., the year a German chieftain, Odoacer, seized the city and proclaimed himself emperor.

Although the western Roman Empire and the government in Rome itself fell, the Empire lived on in the East. The Emperor Diocletian (reigned, 284-305) divided and reformed the Empire during his reign to increase administrative efficiency. The Emperor Constantine (reigned, 324-337) had erected a new capital on the site of the Greek city of Byzantium, which controlled the passage from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean, calling it Constantinople. Theodosius I (r. 378-395) was the last emperor to actually rule both portions of the Empire. The Eastern, or Byzantine, Empire contained more diverse nationalities than the West. The dominant language of the Byzantine Empire was Greek rather than Latin and it featured a much stronger influence from Hellenistic, Semitic, and Persian cultures. The Byzantine Empire contained most of the Roman Empire's rich commercial centers including Alexandria, Athens, and Damascus, as well as Constantinople. While Rome and the western Empire fell, the Byzantine Empire survived at Constantinople (the modern city of Istanbul) until 1453 when it was conquered by the Ottoman Turks. Only then did the city cease to be the cultural and economic center of Byzantine rule in the East.

During the centuries of Roman rule, all of the civilized European world was united under a single government. (The Romans called everyone who was not a Roman a barbarian.) When Rome fell, that union also vanished: For centuries there was no unity and there were no nations as we know them today. As the many nomadic Germanic tribes from

northern Europe moved across the continent during this period, sometimes called the "Dark Ages", what political organization did exist in Europe was based on the tribal organization of these peoples. Only a few of these tribes were of much lasting importance. The Angles and Saxons established their rule and culture in Great Britain (hence the name "Angleland") and the Franks (as in "France") dominated northern and western Europe. The Vandals are remembered for their especially destructive behavior, and the word Gothic (from the Goths) was later used to describe these tribes collectively.

Charlemagne (French for Charles the Great) was King of the Franks from 768-814 and was able to unite most of western Europe into the Frankish Kingdom which lasted from 800-860. On Christmas Day, 800 A.D., after restoring Pope Leo III (reigned, 795-816) in Rome from which he had been driven by invaders, Charlemagne (reigned, 768-814) was crowned by the Pope as "Emperor of the Romans". From that point until it was dissolved in 1806 by Napoleon, this Frankish Kingdom was known as the Holy Roman Empire. Voltaire would later note that it was neither Holy, nor Roman, and only a confederation of German tribal states rather than an Empire. This was the first serious attempt (many others would follow) to re-establish the rule and grandeur of Europe along the lines of the fallen Roman Empire, which remained a mythical ideal to someday be re-established. It also established an entangling relationship between Church and State that would dominate Europe for centuries.

At this time in history, without modern communication methods and with travel more difficult and hazardous than ever, it was difficult even for good rulers to maintain strict control over wide-spread lands. Thus, governing rested mainly in the hands of the local nobility. When Charlemagne died, his empire passed to his son, Louis I, "the Pious" (reigned, 814-840), who in turn divided the empire among his three sons in the Treaty of Verdun in 843 A.D. These sections roughly became the main divisions of Western Europe we find today: France, Germany and the middle kingdom of northern Italy. However, Charlemagne's grandsons, the rulers of these three kingdoms were less than competent. Between their poor rule and the continuing invasions of Europe by Muslims, Slavs, Magyars and Vikings (or Norsemen), Charlemagne's empire was lost except in name and tradition.

After the breakup of Charlemagne's empire, European political organization was characterized by weak kings and strong nobles or lords who ruled their estates rather independently. This kind of political organization is known as feudalism. Feudalism was also a social and economic organization based on a series of reciprocal relationships. The king in theory owned the land which he granted to lords who in return would give service, usually in the form of military aid, to the king. The receiver of the land became a vassal, and this grant of land was known as a fief. Sometimes these fiefs were larger than a lord could himself administer. So he, in turn, granted use of part of the land to lesser lords who pledged their service in return. This system continued on until, at the lowest level, the lord administered only a small feudal estate.

Each of these lords was part of the nobility and therefore above the level of true labor. The actual farming and other necessary labor on the land were performed by serfs who were bound to the land and actually transferred from one landlord to another with its title. They produced the necessities of the estate. In return, they received protection by the nobles and a share of the produce of the land. The serf was not a slave in the true legal sense, for a class of slaves, usually non-Christian prisoners, did exist. A small class of free men also existed having won their freedom for themselves and their descendants for service to some past lord. They usually performed the special skills of craftsmen, artisans, and merchants and were the beginning of a middle class.

During the Middle Ages, warfare was almost constant between lords who fought for power, land, or wealth. Probably hardest hit by this near-constant warfare were the serfs whose homes and fields were often the scenes of battles and suffered the damages. Indeed, the very slave-like status of the serf was due to his need for protection from this warfare. Feudal manors provided both political and social organization, as mentioned above. They also were individual economic units, nearly self-sufficient due to medieval warfare, the difficulties of travel, and the resultant lack of trade. The feudal estate featured a manor-home, usually a fortified castle surrounded by protective walls, belonging to the lord, surrounded by fields, herds and villages where serfs lived and worked. The serfs by their labor provided everything needed on the estate.

An important economic characteristic of the period was the decline in travel, communication and trade. Under the Roman Empire, there had been a great amount of trade between the widespread areas of the Empire. Legions patrolled the roads and the roads linked the provinces. After the fall of Rome, with no government to supply protection or to keep the roads and bridges repaired, travel became difficult and dangerous. This danger, coupled with ignorance and lack of desire to change the situation by the powerful lords, whose manors required little trade, led to the decline in travel and trade.

One reason for the early Middle Ages being designated as the Dark Ages is that education and learning also declined. People were busy with their roles in life. There was no government to sponsor education. Because of the lack of trade and travel, contact with the scholars of the ancient world was lost. However, while civilization in Europe declined, learning and discovery was progressing in Asia and the Middle East. Europeans were about to rediscover the wealth and more advanced civilizations of Asia.

The Roman Catholic Church was the only center of knowledge during this period and learning was mostly religion-centered. True scholarship lived on in the monasteries where devout monks had withdrawn from the corruption and violence of the outside medieval world. There they preserved the ancient writings of the advanced civilizations of Greece and Rome. This treasure trove of knowledge from the Classical Age awaited its discovery by people in the future who cared more for these achievements. The dominant philosophy of the late Middle Ages was best articulated by St. Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274) and known as

scholasticism. Although Aquinas' scholasticism attempted to reconcile all new knowledge with accepted Christian dogma, it ran into many problems. Learning emerged from the Dark Ages and the long conflict between science and religion was about to begin. Under scholasticism, if reason and religious dogma clashed, reason must always give way because religious knowledge was considered to be without error. In fact, nearly everything in feudal Europe seemed to be religiously centered. Religion and the after-life became the focal point of thought and living. The influence of religion can also clearly be seen in the art, architecture, literature, and music of the time. Perhaps because life was so hard on earth, the peasants endured it concentrating on and longing for their reward in the afterlife.

The Roman Catholic Church remained the only stable and unifying institution left over from the old Roman days and therefore came to dominate the lifestyle of the feudal era. The Church claimed superiority over all earthly political figures (as heaven was supreme over earth). As Pope Leo III had crowned Charlemagne, later popes claimed to be superior to kings and all other feudal rulers of the temporal world. The Church's official name of Roman Catholic (meaning universal with its headquarters in Rome) was reminiscent of the old Empire. The dream of a new Roman Empire in the image of the Church was envisioned by Pope Gregory VII (1073-1080) as "Christendom". The Church reached the height of its power and influence under Pope Innocent III (reigned, 1198-1216). The Church's hierarchy paralleled that of ancient Rome: The Pope occupied the position of the emperor. The bishops presided over bishoprics, as the governors had once presided over the Roman provinces. Local parish priests ministered to each local community. Geographically or politically important bishops became archbishops and, in time, the College of Cardinals, appointed by the Pope, occupied a legislative position equivalent to that once held by the Roman Senate. The Cardinals had the further responsibility to elect each new pope. The Church had its own law, canon law, and its own court system which was a rival to that of the new emerging monarchies.

The Church was the constant link between the people and God. Church doctrine held that one could only get to heaven by doing good works and observing the sacraments. The seven sacraments (baptism, confirmation, communion, penance, holy matrimony, holy orders, and extreme unction or last rites) kept an individual constantly connected with God and the Church from birth to death. Individuals could be punished by excommunication, the process of being cut off from the Church when a person could not receive the sacraments. Whole geographic areas could be punished through interdiction which prohibited the performance of any of the sacraments in that district. Interdiction was a powerful weapon against immoral, rebellious or independent feudal rulers. On the other hand, the Church actually provided the only real opportunity in the Middle Ages for an exceptional individual to excel and rise above the social status of his birth. The Church was far more organized than any political state in Europe, but such extensive organization and the access to great wealth also provided the opportunity for corruption. This would be one of the major causes of the loss of prestige that would come at the end of the Middle Ages.

The social structure of Europe during the Middle Ages was strictly divided into three classes or "estates". The First Estate, composed of the ordained officers of the Church, from pope to parish priest and wandering monk, constituted a separate class claiming authority from God. The nobility, by virtue of its land ownership and its right to bear arms, made the nobles' primary function as warriors. They comprised the Second Estate. Everyone else, mostly peasants, was grouped into a Third Estate with no base for power. Problems with this social structure were inevitable. A new money economy emerged and many commoners of the Third Estate became richer and more powerful than the old nobility of the Second Estate whose members' wealth was based solely on land ownership.

The system of feudalism decentralized the power of the state and made for a weak national government. Feudal lords were the real power in their local provinces. Since the soldiers in a feudal army were as likely as not recruited and paid by the lord, kings were very dependent upon their loyalty and weakened because of this feudal system. A centralized government would mean a loss of local power of the feudal lords. The Church also favored this system of weak national monarchies. Both the old nobility and the high-ranking Church officials had much power to lose if strong national governments developed. In order for the modern nation-state with its central government to emerge, new monarchs would have to challenge this entrenched power system.

Feudal Europe was a self-perpetuating society for almost a millennium. The lack of learning and education and the lack of travel and trade tended to keep society as it was. Even if new ideas, products, and methods were discovered, they were not widely introduced. More than any other factor, it was a series of religious wars known as the Crusades that were responsible for bringing Europe out of the Dark Ages into the high Middle Ages and eventually the Modern Age. These wars were fought by northern European Christian lords and kings who were responding to a call from Pope Urban II (reigned, 1088-1099) to drive the Muslims from the Holy Land in Palestine after the Turks began to restrict religious pilgrimages and persecute Christians in the Middle East. The threat from invading tribes had lessened along with the opportunity to gain new lands. Also, the Pope promised salvation to all who fought in these religious wars. Many of these lords went to the Middle East to fight for God and glory. The Crusades went on over a period of time beginning in 1095 and lasting for over 300 years. They were militarily unsuccessful, and many of the soldiers seemed more interested in looting and fortune hunting. Also, the native Muslims proved a formidable foe. However, the Crusades were a turning point in the history and development of Europe. The Crusades brought tremendous economic, social, and political changes to Europe. First, trade was gradually re-established. During the Crusades, soldiers brought back many of the products of the East including spices and textiles. As Europeans became more and more accustomed to having these luxuries, they began to expand their trade. With increasing trade, there came a need for new products to sell and people to carry on these transactions. Therefore, a whole new class in society was created: the merchants and craftsmen of the middle class. Cities also began to grow as centers of population and trade. Venice, Genoa,

and Pisa in Italy became great port cities as the trade between the Middle East and Western Europe passed through them. Italy thus became the gateway to Europe in the late Middle Ages. Neither the independently wealthy cities nor the growing, newly wealthy, but non-noble, middle class fit into the political or social structure of feudalism. Land had been the only real source of wealth in the Middle Ages. However, the expanding use of money for trade made land ownership less important, as land does not bring wealth unless it produces a surplus for sale. Thus, the feudal system was breaking down and would eventually be replaced. The only question was what way of life would arise to take the place of this long-entrenched system. Feudalism had dominated Europe politically, socially and economically since the return of order after the fall of Rome.

The new traders and merchants developed a system of their own to bring order to the new state of economics. To maintain the quality and prices of goods and services, the "guild system" was developed. By this system, merchants and craftsmen maintained control over their own professions. A townsman was forbidden to practice a trade or enter a business without the approval of the guild membership that consisted of those regarded as master craftsmen. To practice a trade, one began as an apprentice usually as a young boy assigned to work under the tutelage of a master craftsman. Apprentices frequently lived with the master and performed many other menial tasks other than those related directly to learning the craft. After years of service and learning, an apprentice could rise to the rank of journeyman. Journeymen were free to work for other master craftsmen for wages. Only after additional years of work and meeting difficult criteria established by the guild could a journeyman be admitted to the guild as a master craftsman. A master had the right to open his own shop or merchant business. Through this system the guilds could control wages and prices, monopolize trade, set quality standards, and limit the number of people in a business. Once established, the guilds became as rigid in their own way as the old class structure. These merchants and craftsmen formed the basis for a new class of town dwellers, the bourgeoisie, burgesses, or burghers. They would form the basis of the growing "middle class" (in the middle between the nobility and peasants) that really had no place in the old system of estates. The political and social systems were failing to keep up with the economic changes.

Several factors began to strengthen the role of those kings willing and desiring to increase their power in this new society. These new, stronger monarchs led to the rise of the centralized, modern nation-states as we know them today. First, many landowners had been killed off during the Crusades leaving more land in the hands of fewer people. Second, cities and towns attached their development and prosperity to the kings, rather than to the lords. They sought protection from the powers of unjust lords by securing promised rights to govern themselves, which they purchased with wealth gained through trade. In return, they were able to pay more in taxes to the king. As a result, the king now had more money to spend in controlling the lords who previously had been largely independent of his authority. Merchants also supported stronger kings in hopes of gaining protection in their travels as well as uniform laws, tariffs, uniform weights and measures, and other trade concessions

which would make trade easier and more profitable. Kings had the money, the interest, and stood to profit the most by paying for new modern armies equipped with the first firearms and ocean-going navies armed with cannon needed to protect commerce. The old nobility lacked the wealth to keep up with such changes. Thus, political, social, and economic changes were stimulated by the trade created by the Crusades.

All of these things -- the increasing wealth, wider travel, and a greater knowledge of the outside world -- led to a new philosophy and outlook on life. Whereas during the Middle Ages, the Church provided the main source of inspiration, now there was a new interest in and concentration on man himself and the world in which he lived. This new age we call the Renaissance, the rebirth of the human spirit. We find this changing outlook on life reflected in the art, the architecture, the literature, the music, a new interest in learning and scientific discovery, the rediscovered curiosity about the world bringing exploration and discovery, and in new political ideas. This new philosophy which was human-centered and emphasized human reason was called humanism and dominated the period of the Renaissance.

This new age brought many lasting changes to Europe. Most of the changes, however, did not come quickly or easily. For many centuries, much of the history of Europe would feature a clash between the old traditions of the Middle Ages and the new ways of the so-called modern world.

Questions: (*Answer the following on a separate sheet in complete sentences*)

- 1) What effect did the collapse of the Roman Empire have on the unity of Europe?
- 2) Who was the first "Holy Roman Emperor" & how did he get his title?
- 3) What was the Holy Roman Empire, & why did Voltaire later state that it was neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an Empire?
- 4) What were the basic characteristics & organizational structure of the feudal system?
- 5) Why were strong kings rare and central government generally absent under the feudal system?
- 6) Which members of the feudal system would eventually form the nucleus of a developing "middle class"?
- 7) Why were "the Church" and the Christian religion so important to the lives of Europeans in the middle ages?
- 8) How did the Church use its powers of excommunication & interdiction to maintain its power during the Middle Ages?
- 9) What role did the Church play in the preservation of education & knowledge during the "Dark Ages"? What is *scholasticism*, & how did it affect the nature of education & knowledge preserved by the Church?
- 10) What were the three "Estates" of medieval European society?
- 11) What was the role of guilds in the economic life of medieval Europe?
- 12) Who were the *bourgeoisie*, *burgesses*, & *burghers*? Why did they not fit into the traditional class structure of the middle ages?

- 13) How did the growing number of free townspeople, & changes in the economic system, challenge the existing social structure of medieval Europe?
- 14) Why & how did kings & centralized governments grow stronger towards the end of the middle ages? What obstacles stood in the way of those stronger kings & central governments, & why?
- 15) Why was the reestablishment of trade so important to the transformation of Europe at the end of the middle ages?

Terms to Know (you don't have to do anything with these, but should have a basic understanding of what they mean):

- Angles & Saxons
- Franks
- Holy Roman Empire
- Feudalism
- Vassals
- Serfs
- Scholasticism
- "Seven Sacraments"
- Excommunication
- Interdiction
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Estates
- Guild System
- *Bourgeoisie*
- *Burghers*
- Renaissance
- Humanism

AP European History: Summer Assignment Part II

Middle Ages or Early Renaissance?

Analyzing Primary Sources & Point of View

Historical Context: According to the humanist writers & thinkers of the 15th & 16th centuries, the Middle Ages were a thousand years of ignorance & superstition. These Renaissance men who saw themselves as leaders in an era of rebirth & learning looked to the ancient Greeks & Romans for models in literature & art as their view of man & his world. Some historians questioned this interpretation, with its sharp division between the Middle Ages & the Renaissance. Instead, they pointed out evidence of increased intellectual activity starting in the medieval universities. The debate centers on whether the Renaissance was a unique age or a continuation of the Middle Ages. After reviewing the documents, answer the questions which follow.

Document 1

This excerpt is from *The Renaissance* by Wallace K. Ferguson (New York: Holt, 1940, pp. 1-3).

The idea that there was a great revival or rebirth of literature and the arts, after a thousand years of cultural sterility, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries originated with the Italian writers of the Renaissance themselves. Finding the feudal and ecclesiastical literature and Gothic art of the Middle Ages uncongenial to their taste, they turned for inspiration to the civilization of Roman and Greek antiquity. . . . Thus, from the beginning, the double conception of medieval darkness and subsequent cultural rebirth was colored by the acceptance of classical standards.

Document 2

This excerpt is from *The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy*, (1878) by Jacob Burckhardt.

In the Middle Ages both sides of human consciousness lay dreaming or half awake beneath a common veil. The veil was woven of faith, and childish prepossession. . . . Man was conscious of himself only as member of a race, people, party, family, or corporation – only through some general category. In Italy this veil first melted into air . . . ; man became a spiritual individual, and recognized himself as such. In the same way the Greek had once distinguished himself from barbarian. . . .

When this impulse to the highest individual development was combined with a powerful and varied nature . . . then arose the “all-sided man”. . . in Italy at the time of the Renaissance we find artists who in every branch created new and perfect works, and who also made the greatest impression as men.

Document 3

This excerpt is from *A History of Europe from 1378 to 1494*, written by W.T. Waugh.

It has become evident that there was no suspension of intellectual life in medieval Europe. If there was a Revival of Learning, it occurred about the year A.D. 1000, since when human knowledge has never ceased to advance. It cannot even be said that the Humanists of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries revived the study of the classics. Scholars had been nourished on the classics for centuries. . . . In the first place, the classical writer most studied in the Middle Ages was a Greek, Aristotle. . . . And actually the medieval scholars of Western Europe were acquainted with most of the Latin authors familiar to us. . . .

The merits of the artists and the influence of the Humanist scholars must be acknowledged. But one must beware of exaggerating the practical results of their work. It is undeniable that very few people knew or cared anything about the sayings or doings of the Humanists. . . [and] the plain fact remains that the masterpieces of Renaissance sculptors can have been seen by few, those of Renaissance painting by fewer. And in those days, unless you actually saw them, you could not tell what they were like. . . .

Document 4

The following excerpt is from *Petrarch's Secret*, translated by W.H. Draper, 1911.

My principle is that, as concerning the glory from which we may hope for here below [on earth], it is right for us to seek it while we are here below. One may expect to enjoy that other more radiant glory in heaven, when we shall have there arrived, and when one will have no more care or wish for the glory of earth. Therefore, as I think, it is in the true order that mortal men should first care for mortal things. . . .

Document 5

This excerpt is from *Life and Letters of Erasmus*, by A.J. Froude, 1894.

The world is waking out of a long deep sleep. The old ignorance is still defended. Time was when learning was only found in the religious orders. The religious orders nowadays care only for money and sensuality [indulgence of the appetites], while learning has passed to secular princes and peers and courtiers. Were in school or monastery will you find so many distinguished and accomplished men as form your English Court? Shame on us all! The tables of priests and divines run with wine and echo with drunken noise and scurrilous jest, while in princes' halls is heard only grave and modest conversation on points of morals or knowledge. . . . That king of yours [Henry VIII of England] may bring back the golden age, though I shall not live to enjoy it, as my tale draws to an end.

Document 6

Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made this observation in 1596.

Now we shall proceed to the astronomical determination of the orbits and to geometrical considerations. If these do not confirm the thesis, then all our previous efforts have doubtless been in vain.

Document 7 on the following page.

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Universities founded in the 12th through 15th centuries:

12 th - 13 th Century	14 th Century	15 th Century
ITALY		
Salerno Bologna Vicenza, 1204 Arezzo, 1215 Padua, 1222 Naples, 1224 Vercelli, 1228 Siena, 1246 Curia Romana, 1244-45	Rome (Studium Urbis), 1303 Perugia, 1308 Pisa, 1343 Florence, 1349 Pavia, 1361 Ferrara, 1391	Turin, 1405 Catania, 1444
FRANCE		
Paris Orléans, 1231 Angers Toulouse, 1229	Avignon, 1303 Cahors, 1332 Grenoble, 1339 Orange, 1365	Aix, 1409 Dole, 1422 Poitiers, 1431 Caen, 1432 Bordeaux, 1441 Valence, 1452 Nantes, 1460 Bourges, 1464 Besancon, 1485
GREAT BRITAIN		
Oxford Cambridge		St. Andrews, 1415 Glasgow, 1451 Aberdeen, 1494
SPAIN & PORTUGAL		
Valladolid, 1250 Palencia, 1212 Salamanca, 1230 Seville, 1254 Lisbon-Coimbra, 1290	Lerida, 1300 Perpignan, 1349 Huesca, 1359	Barcelona, 1450 Saragossa, 1474 Palma (Majorca), 1483 Sigüenza, 1489 Alcalá, 1499 Valencia, 1500
GERMAN STATES, BOHEMIA & THE LOW COUNTRIES		
	Prague, 1347 Vienna, 1365 Erfurt, 1379 Heidelberg, 1385 Cologne, 1388	Wurzburg Leipzig, 1409 Rostock, 1419 Louvain, 1425 Trier, 1454 Griefswald, 1428 Freiburg-im-Breisgau, 1455 Basel, 1459 Ingolstadt, 1459 Mainz, 1476 Tubingen, 1476

Middle Ages or Early Renaissance?

Analyzing Primary Sources & Point of View

Be sure to respond in detail & in complete sentences!

Document 1 Question: According to Ferguson, how did writers & thinkers of the 15th & 16th centuries view themselves? Were they part of the Middle Ages or a different era, the Renaissance? Explain.

Document 2 Question: According to historian Jacob Burchhardt, was there a difference between the people of the Middle Ages & the people of the Renaissance? Explain.

Document 3 Question: According to historian W.T. Waugh, when did modern culture & the work of the humanists begin? Was there a “renaissance”? What evidence does he cite for his point of view?

Document 4 Question: According to Petrarch, a humanist, with what should man be concerned? Is this similar or different from the interests of medieval man? Explain.

Document 5 Question: According to Erasmus, what change is coming? How does he feel about priests, the church, & the religious orders of his day? Why do you think he feels this way?

Document 6 Question: According to Kepler, how are theories proven? Is this consistent with the attitude of a “medieval” scientist? Explain.

Document 7 Question: What does the chart tell you about the times and places where universities were founded? What conclusion(s) can you draw about learning during the Middle Ages?