



Middle Ages



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Divided into the Early Middle Ages and Late Middle Ages.



Start of the Middle Ages

Started in 476 with
the fall of the
Western Roman
Empire.



Key Events of Early Middle Ages

632: Muhammad (a prophet) dies, and Islam emerges as a new religion



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711: Islamic armies invade the Iberian Peninsula.



Key Events of Early Middle Ages

962: The Holy Roman Empire emerges until 1806.



Key Events of Late Middle Ages

1095: start of the Crusades

1291: Last crusade in holy land



Crusades

Were wars between Christians and Muslims to secure control of holy sites considered sacred by both groups.



Key Events of Late Middle Ages

1347: Black Death pandemic arrives in Europe.

End of Middle Ages

Ended in 1492
when the Catholic
Monarchs conquer
Granada and the
Islamic Empire falls.
The discovery of
America.





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1. the privileged classes (nobles and clergy)

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2. the non-privileged classes (peasants and bourgeoisie)

Feudal Society

The nobles received fiefs from the King and became feudal lords or vassals. In exchange, they defended the land and promised loyalty to the King.

Vassal

A lower noble that receives protection from the feudal lord in exchange for loyalty and service.

Fief

A land that was ruled over by a
feudal lord.

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The clergy received lands from the King too. They were devoted to cultural, educational and religious duties.

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Peasants were serfs. They worked in the lord's fiefs and paid them taxes in exchange for protection.

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The bourgeoisie were free artisans and merchants. They lived in boroughs and had no privileges.

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Romanesque and Gothic were the
main architectural styles

Romanesque Architecture

Characteristics: Thick walls
Small windows
Half-point arches
Lower construction

Gothic Architecture

Characteristics: Thin walls
Stained-glass windows
Pointed Arches
Higher Constructions

Middle Ages in the Iberian Peninsula

The Visigoths created a kingdom in the Iberian Peninsula which lasted until Islamic armies arrived in 711 and named the new territory A_ - _____

Reconquista

Christian nobles first established
Christian Kingdoms in the
mountains in the North of present
day Spain.

Reconquista

The period in which Christians
conquered territories from M_____
is called the reconquista.

Reconquista

The Christian kingdoms gradually reconquered territories from Muslims until 1._____.