

Module 10 Guided Reading Notes

1. How were the Byzantine emperors like the last of the old Caesars?

2. Explain the Justinian Code.

3. Describe the Hagia Sophia.

4. How might the plague have helped make Byzantium more vulnerable to foreign attack?

5. Explain the schism between the Roman Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church.

6. Why do you think that Justinian decided the time had come to reform Roman law?

7. Why do you think the Justinian Code lasted so long?

8. Which geographical feature of Russia did the Vikings use to further their invasions into Eastern Europe? Provide at least three examples of geographical features.

9. Why might Vladimir think it important that all subjects become Christian?

10. How did Yaroslav's decision to divide his realm among his sons help cause Kiev's decline?

11. What main demands did the Mongols make on their Russian subjects?

12. What about Moscow's location was significant?

13. How was Ivan I both friend and foe to the Mongol rulers?

14. What are three ways that civilization in Western Europe declined after the Roman Empire fell?

15. What replaced Roman provinces in the years between 400 and 600?

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21. What lands did the Vikings invade?

22. What was the impact of Viking, Magyar, and Muslim invasions on medieval Europe?

23. What were the three social classes of the Feudal system, and how were they connected?

24. How might the decline of trade during the early middle ages have contributed to the self-sufficiency of the manor system?

25. What are the similarities between feudalism in Europe and feudalism in Japan?

26. How were the Vikings different from earlier Germanic groups that invaded Europe?

27. How was a manor in the early Middle Ages largely self-sufficient both militarily and economically?

28. What benefits do you think a medieval manor provided to the serfs who lived there?

29. What were two inventions from Asia that changed the technology of warfare in Western Europe?

30. How are tournaments like modern sports competitions?

31. What were some of the themes of medieval literature?
32. What privileges did a noblewoman have in medieval society?
33. How important of a role did knights play in the feudal system? Identify and explain examples.
34. In what ways were the lives of a noblewoman and a peasant woman similar and different?
35. What were the names and characteristics of the four parts of the Justinian Code?
36. What were some important features of life in Constantinople?
37. Which peoples attacked the Byzantine Empire? What part of the empire did they invade?
38. What does the *Primary Chronicle* say about Rurik and the origin of Novgorod?
39. According to the *Primary Chronicle*, how did Vladimir choose Byzantine Christianity?
40. How did Moscow's location contribute to its growth?

41. What event marked Russia's liberation from Mongol rule?

42. How did Gregory I increase the political power of the pope?

43. What was the significance of the pope's declaring Charlemagne emperor?

44. What exchange took place between lords and vassals under feudalism?

45. What duties did the lord of the manor and his serfs owe one another?

46. What were the stages of becoming a knight?

47. Why do you think the ownership of land became an increasing source of power for feudal lords?