

Module 11 Guided Reading Notes

1. Why did medieval peasants support the church?
2. What three groups vied for power during this time?
3. Why was Henry's journey to Canossa a political act?
4. What political trend kept German states separate during the Middle Ages?
5. What were some of the matters covered by canon law?
6. How did Otto the Great make the crown stronger than the German nobles?
7. Why did lay investiture cause a struggle between kings and popes?
8. How was the structure of the Church like that of the feudal system?
9. Why did German kings fail to unite their lands?
10. How did the popes increase their power and authority?

11. How did the architecture of Gothic cathedrals inspire reverence for God?

12. What, if anything, had the Crusaders gained by the end of the Second Crusade?

13. What reasons might an individual have to join a Crusade?

14. What might be the advantages and disadvantages of staying home to defend the knight's family and estate?

15. Why did the fervor of the Crusades end?

16. How did the goals of the Crusades change over the years?

17. How did the Crusades change the history of Europe?

18. What kind of information did a surname relay in medieval times?

19. Why were changes in financial services necessary to expand trade?

20. How did the Crusades contribute to the expansion of trade and learning?

21. How did guilds influence business practices in medieval towns?

22. How were Muslim scholars linked to the revival of learning in Europe?

23. In what ways did Burghers expand their freedom from landlords?

24. What was the effect of the development of towns on the feudal system?

25. Why would writers choose to produce works in the vernacular instead of in Latin?

26. How did the Commercial Revolution lay the foundation for the economy of modern Europe?

27. How did William the Conqueror begin the unification of England?

28. What is the significance of the Magna Carta?

29. What two legal practices date back to Henry II?

30. What are some basic rights guaranteed by the Magna Carta?

31. Which of the changes in English Government is reflected in the government of the United States today?

32. What steps were necessary to centralize governments in England and France?

33. According to the different beliefs of the time, what was the true source of religious authority?

34. How did the plague impact life in Europe. Identify and explain at least three examples.

35. What impact did Joan of Arc have on the Hundred Years' War?

36. What problems did survivors face after the bubonic plague swept through their town?

37. How did the Hundred Years' War encourage a feeling of nationalism in both France and England?