

Medieval History Fundamentals

History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day in the year 800 AD?

- A) Charlemagne**
- B) Clovis I
- C) Charles Martel
- D) Louis the Pious

2. What was the primary economic and social system of Medieval Europe based on land ownership and service?

- A) Capitalism
- B) Feudalism**
- C) Socialism
- D) Mercantilism

3. Which document, signed in 1215, limited the power of the English monarchy?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Edict of Nantes
- D) The Treaty of Verdun

4. What was the main architectural style characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses?

- A) Romanesque
- B) Baroque
- C) Gothic**
- D) Neoclassical

5. Which pandemic, occurring in the 14th century, significantly reduced the population of Europe?

- A) The Spanish Flu
- B) The Black Death**
- C) The Antonine Plague
- D) The Cholera Outbreak

6. What was the title given to the land granted to a vassal by a lord?

- A) Fief**
- B) Manor
- C) Guild
- D) Demesne

7. Who was the French heroine who led troops during the Hundred Years' War?

- A) Marie Antoinette
- B) Joan of Arc**
- C) Eleanor of Aquitaine
- D) Catherine de' Medici

8. What religious conflict involved a series of military expeditions to the Holy Land?

- A) The Reconquista
- B) The Hundred Years' War
- C) The Crusades**
- D) The War of the Roses

9. What invention, credited to Johannes Gutenberg in the 15th century, changed the spread of information?

- A) The Telescope
- B) The Printing Press**
- C) The Steam Engine
- D) The Astrolabe

10. What was the name of the agricultural estate operated by a lord and worked by peasants?

- A) Fiefdom
- B) Monastery
- C) Manor**
- D) Guildhall

11. Which group of warriors from Scandinavia frequently raided and traded across Europe?

- A) Vikings**
- B) Mongols
- C) Huns
- D) Magyars

12. What term refers to the associations of craftspeople or merchants in medieval towns?

- A) Serfs
- B) Guilds**
- C) Vassals
- D) Nobles

13. Who was the author of 'The Divine Comedy', a major work of medieval literature?

- A) Geoffrey Chaucer
- B) Dante Alighieri**
- C) Giovanni Boccaccio
- D) Petrarch

14. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire?

- A) Rome
- B) Alexandria
- C) Constantinople**
- D) Athens

15. What was the primary language of the Church and academia throughout the Middle Ages in Europe?

- A) Greek
- B) Latin**
- C) French
- D) Old English