Medieval History Challenge

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1. Which treaty signed in 1215 established the principle that the English monarch was not above the law?

A) The Treaty of Wallingford
B) Magna Carta
C) The Provisions of Oxford
D) The Statute of Rhuddlan

2. What was the primary purpose of the 'Domesday Book' commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086?

A) To record religious laws
B) To conduct a comprehensive land and resource survey
C) To document the lineages of noble families
D) To establish a new judicial system

3. Which architectural style, characterized by pointed arches and flying buttresses, dominated European cathedrals from the 12th to the 16th century?

A) Romanesque
B) Byzantine
C) Gothic
D) Baroque

4. In 1054, the 'Great Schism' resulted in a formal split between which two ecclesiastical bodies?

A) The Catholic Church and the Anglican Church
B) The Western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church
C) The Benedictines and the Franciscans
D) The Papacy and the Holy Roman Empire

5. What was the 'Reconquista' in the context of Iberian medieval history?

A) The internal revolt of the Spanish nobility
B) The campaign by Christian kingdoms to retake the peninsula from Moorish rule
C) The trade agreement between Castile and Portugal
D) The recovery of ancient Roman texts in Toledo

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6. Which Byzantine Emperor is best known for his codification of Roman law, known as the 'Corpus Juris Civilis'?

A) Justinian I
B) Constantine the Great
C) Heraclius
D) Alexios I Komnenos

7. The Hanseatic League was a powerful commercial and defensive confederation primarily operating in which region?

A) The Mediterranean Sea
B) The Baltic and North Sea areas
C) The Italian Peninsula
D) The Silk Road

8. What was the 'Investiture Controversy' primarily concerned with during the High Middle Ages?

A) Control over trade routes
B) The right to appoint bishops and abbots
C) The succession of the French throne
D) The taxation of the peasantry

9. Which king of the Franks was crowned 'Emperor of the Romans' by Pope Leo III on Christmas Day, 800 AD?

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

10. During the Hundred Years' War, which battle saw the English longbowmen decisively defeat the French nobility in 1346?

A) Battle of Hastings
B) Battle of Agincourt
C) Battle of Crécy
D) Battle of Poitiers

11. What is the term for the 'land grant' system where a lord provided land to a vassal in exchange for military service and loyalty?

A) Manorialism
B) Feudalism
C) Mercantilism
D) Guild system

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12. Who was the Mongol leader who established the Yuan Dynasty in China after completing the conquest of the Song Dynasty?

A) Genghis Khan
B) Ogedei Khan
C) Kublai Khan
D) Batu Khan