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The Dark Ages

**Part I Sacking of Rome**

1. What happens on August 24, 410 AD?
2. Why did the Visigoths attack Rome? (Circle One)

Power Money Desperation/Food

1. **TRUE or FALSE:** Allerak's attacks were the only reason Rome fell.
2. The Romans hired foreign soldiers to help protect their borders. What term describes such a soldier?

Legion Visigoth Mercenary

1. What became of the Colosseum?
2. In fact, in spite of its widespread chaos, anarchy, and upheaval, this remote period of history would dramatically alter the course of Europe's future. To the people of Dark Ages Europe, the new Emperor was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Part II Common Thread of Christianity**

1. How did Clovis unite his people?
2. What was the common thread that kept people together despite political, military, and social problems?
3. What rule did Clovis have a problem with?

Thou Shalt Not Steal Honor thy Father and Mother Thou Shalt Not Kill

1. Who was united due to Clovis?
2. What was still Roman about the Byzantine Empire/Constantinople?
3. Describe how the Roman Empire was different after the split between East and West:
4. **TRUE or FALSE**: Justinian wanted to reunite the entire Roman Empire.
5. Empress \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was Justinian's wife and power behind the emperor.
6. How many sports fans were slaughtered after the Empress convinced Justinian not to flee?

**Part III Plague**

1. What church does Justinian build in Constantinople?
2. Under Justinian, the Mediterranean was once again a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lake.
3. What percentage of urban areas were killed by the bubonic plague?
4. How did rats carry plague?
5. How many people were struck down by the plague of Justinian?

**Part IV: Men of the Cloth, Men of Letters: Monasteries**

1. People didn’t work 9-5 during the Dark Ages, they worked according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Who was St. Benedict and what did he do?

**Part V: Holy Wars**

1. What religion did the Moors follow?
2. Who was the general who took on the Moors?
3. **TRUE or FALSE**: Charles Martel was not successful in defeating the Moors.
4. Who was the greatest king of the dark ages, king of the Franks?

Justinian Charles Martel Charlemagne

**Part VI: The Greatest King**

1. What empire did Charlemagne found?
2. The Bloody Verdict of Verdun saw anyone caught worshipping false would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Charlemagne wanted to increase the social, political, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organization of his society. By doing so he would distinguish himself from any other ruler from 300 years before him.
4. Reading and writing were done by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not kings.
5. How long did Charlemagne rule as emperor of the west?

**Part VII: The Vikings**

1. To the Vikings, what were the banks waiting to be robbed?
2. What happened to a most of the money of Europe under the Vikings?
3. What places were terrorized by the Vikings?
4. Why did Ivar want to attack York?
5. **TRUE or FALSE**: The bloody eagle actually used an eagle for torture.
6. What did Alfred the Great build to defend against the Vikings?

**Part VIII Knights and The Crusades**

1. What was a knight's primary purpose?
2. Knights were threatened by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the saints.
3. Now with the Viking threat a thing of the past, and soldiers everywhere itching for a cause, the time seemed right to launch a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Who kicked off the first crusade?

Pope Sagan II Pope Urban II Pope Timberlake I Pope Clement IV

1. How many crusades were there and what city were they fighting over?
2. Name 2 things brought back from crusades.
3. What happened to Europe around the year 1000?

1. Between what two big historical time periods did the Dark Ages exist? The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.