

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Quaestio:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nunc Agenda:** Discuss the following questions with your group of four. Make sure everyone contributes.

1. What happened to Western Europe after the decline of the Roman Empire?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you think the Germanic peoples would have viewed decline of the Roman Empire as a positive or a negative change? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Without an emperor in Western Europe, which individual do you think had the highest authority in the region? Explain your reasoning.

## Medieval Europe and the Franks

### Middle Ages

- Period from about \_\_\_\_\_ CE, between the decline of Rome and the beginning of the Renaissance, or “Rebirth” of Europe (\_\_\_\_\_ means “Middle Age”)
- 500-1000 CE sometimes called the \_\_\_\_\_ because, while the China, the Middle East, the Byzantine Empire, and India were advancing, \_\_\_\_\_ was in decline
  - Mostly \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle
  - Minimal long-distance \_\_\_\_\_
  - Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ unity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church (aka \_\_\_\_\_ Church) = main power in Western Europe, \_\_\_\_\_ force
- Blending of Roman, Christian, and Germanic culture

### Germanic Europe

- Germanic tribes that conquered Roman lands created there own \_\_\_\_\_
- Germanic tribes originally \_\_\_\_\_ (polytheistic), but began to adopt Christianity, although most were \_\_\_\_\_ Christians, considered \_\_\_\_\_ by the Catholic Church

## Rise of the Franks

- 486- \_\_\_\_\_, King of the Franks, Conquered \_\_\_\_\_ (which later became \_\_\_\_\_)
- Converted to \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity, became allied with \_\_\_\_\_, used religion as an excuse to kill and conquer \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ tribes
- Put conquered people in army to make them \_\_\_\_\_ to him
- \_\_\_\_\_ all extended family so no one could challenge him for power

## The Battle of Tours

- 700s: \_\_\_\_\_ expanded into North Africa, Spain, and then France
- Charles "Martel" ("\_\_\_\_\_") was a \_\_\_\_\_ military leader who had power over the King
- Charles Martel united Franks and creates a trained and \_\_\_\_\_ army, unlike typical Germanic "\_\_\_\_\_ hordes" which surprised the Muslims
- 732- The \_\_\_\_\_: Franks defeated the invading Muslims and drove them back to \_\_\_\_\_
- Charles Martel seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Franks and a savior of Christianity in Europe
- His heirs became the \_\_\_\_\_ Kings, and his grandson \_\_\_\_\_ was the most famous