

# Expansion of Europe

- A Christian Europe
  - Middle Ages (time between the fall of Rome and modern times- about 1k years)
  - Roman Catholic Church- powerful pope- spread Roman culture and law to Germanic peoples
  - Eastern Orthodox Church- spread Greek and Roman culture and law to Slavic people

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- The Middle Ages

- Ad 800- Charlemagne united western Europe

- After he died, it broke up again

- King couldn't hold off invaders- feudalism developed

- King- give land to nobles- nobles provide military service and payment as knights

- Most people were serfs (peasants)- worked the land- given food and shelter but had no freedom

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- The Crusades
  - Christian Europe vs. Islam Middle East and Africa
  - Fight over Palestine- the Holy Land for both groups
  - Nobles raised volunteer armies to fight the Muslims- not successful
  - However, had a large impact
    - Increased trade
    - Kings became more powerful bc of tax \$\$
    - Feudalism go bye-bye- modern nation-states formed

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- Spain- late 1400s- Muslim Christian conflict again
- Muslims had controlled Iberian Peninsula for 700 years- Spanish wanted to take it back- the Reconquest- 1492
- Bubonic plague, aka Black Death also spread through Europe in 1300s- killed 1/3 of people
  - Shortage of labor BUT higher wages and more freedom

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- The Renaissance
  - “rebirth”- 1350-1550- renewal of learning
  - Especially in Italy- wealthy merchants supported scholars and artists- Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci
  - Renewal of classics
  - Humanism- importance of individual and human society
    - -reason AND faith are the path to knowledge

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- The Reformation
  - 1500s- humanism makes people rethink Catholicism
  - 1517- Martin Luther- German religious leader- wanted to correct religion- Pope rejected Luther
  - Formed Protestantism- developed in northern Europe
  - Wars between Catholics and Protestants broke up religious unity
  - Strengthened power of monarchs- shifted away from church leaders

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- European Explorations
  - Everybody wants to get to Asia
  - Portugal figured out a round-Africa route
  - 1492- Columbus sailed for Spain heading west- landed in Americas
  - Spain eventually found gold and silver- became crazy-rich
    - Other countries want in- England, France, Dutch- led to conquests
    - Colonies pop up all over the world
    - Destroyed local cultures