

The Church and the Rise of Cities

Section 2

The Church in the Middle Ages

- Most Gothic Cathedrals- built in Western Europe btw 1100-1400
- Gothic- _____
- Cathedral- church of a _____ (important Catholic leader)
- Roman Catholic Church was very powerful- aka “ _____ ”

The Church in the Middle Ages

- Religious and Economic Power

- Most people lived short and difficult lives

- Comforted by

- Combined with _____, led most people to be very religious

- Church also _____

- Took fiefs from lords in exchange for clergy services (clergy-

- _____ - the largest landowner in the Middle Ages

The Church in the Middle Ages

- Political Power of the Church
 - Religious + economic power = power to
 - Had its own laws and courts
 - Break the law- get _____ (kicked out of Church)
 - Lose friends and hope for heaven
 - Church advised kings and lords- could threaten excommunication
 - The Church could declare peace- war decreased in 1100s

The Church in the Middle Ages

- Church Organization

- Village level was the _____ - a _____ oversaw several priests and an _____ saw several bishops
- Archbishops under the _____ - the papacy was based in Rome and crossed borders

- The Church in Everyday Life

- Every aspect of life- birth to death- Church was there

The Church in the Middle AGes

- Monasteries and Convents

- Monasteries- religious men (_____) living together

- Convents- religious women (_____)

- Impacts of religious communities

- Better _____

- _____ techniques

- Schools- monks very educated- some girls were even educated

- Copied books- preserved history

- Scholasticism-

Trade Revives and Towns Grow

- The Revival of Trade
 - Under feudalism, people began feeling safer and _____
 - _____ brought goods from far away places- sparked curiosity
- The Growth of Towns
 - Some towns developed into trade towns as markets increased
 - Merchants moved to strategic places to sell items- slowly grew into _____

Life in Towns and Cities

- The Rise of a Middle Class
 - Economies not self-sufficient- based on _____
 - _____ developed their own class between nobles and peasants- middle class
- The Role of Guilds
 - _____ - group of people in the same craft- set prices and prevented outsiders from selling in town
 - Set product standards and charged membership fee- used to support family of members that died
 - Took a long time to get to level of guild- first as an apprentice age 8-14 (unpaid worker), then journeyman (salary) then master

Life in Towns and Cities

- Overcrowding and Disease
 - Little sanitation- bred disease
 - Overcrowding – disease spread quickly
 - Bubonic plaque aka Black Death

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Medieval Culture

- Life not all that bad- schools growing into major learning centers
- _____ – code of honor for knights
- _____ - traveling musicians- aka minstrels
 - Sang of knights brave deeds to win the hearts of a woman