World History

Middle Ages Study Guide

**People, Events, Groups, Concepts**

Jesus

Apostles

Paul

Prophet

Constantine

Byzantine Empire

Justinian

Theodora

Nika Riots

Bishop

Peter

Muhammad

Islam

Muslim

Hijrah

Mosque

Hajj

Qur’an

5 Pillars of Islam

House of Wisdom

Caliphate

Umayyads

Shi’a

Sunni

Abbasids

Castles

Middle Ages

Witches

Life of the Middle Ages

Franks

Clovis

Charles Martel

Monasteries

Pope Gregory I

Secularism

Carolingian Dynasty

Charlemagne

Feudalism

Lord

Fief

Vassal

Knight

Serf

Manor

Tithe

Vikings

Chivalry

Heresy

Pope

Monk

Sacrament

Fredrick I

Urban II

Crusade

First Crusade

Second Crusade

Third Crusade

Fourth Crusade

Children’s Crusade

Saladin

Richard the Lion Hearted

Plague

**Short Answers**

Why was Mecca an important city in western Arabia?

What are Five Pillars of Islam?

Why did Muslims consider Christians and Jews “people of the book”?

Why did the Schism of 632 CE happen?

How did Muslim scholars help preserve the knowledge of the ancient Greeks and Romans?

How did Shi’a oppose the rule of the Umayyads?

What groups invaded Europe in the 800’s?

What obligations did a peasants/serfs have to the lord of the manor?

What were the social classes of the feudal system?

Why are castles so important to the Middle Ages?

What are the reasons why the church of the Middle Ages gains so much money?

Why are monks and monasteries so influential to society? (think of the purpose of monks and monasteries)

What was the social influence of the church in the Middle Ages?

What is the role of Knights in the Middle Ages?

Which crusade was the most successful and why?

How did the goals of the Crusades change over the years?

What was life like in the Middle Ages?

What effect did the plague have on Europe?

**Long Answer**

Historically analyze the expansion/spread of Christianity or Islam

What effect does the Feudal Contract (feudalism) have socially, economically, and politically in the Middle Ages?

**\*\*Consider dates and organization of these events (there *might* be a timeline on the exam)\*\***