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Church Reform and the Crusades

The Catholic Church undergoes reform and launches Crusades against Muslims.
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Church Reform and the Crusades

The Age of Faith

Spiritual Revival

• Starting in 900s, monasteries help bring about a spiritual revival
• Reformers help restore and expand Church power

Problems in the Church

• Some Church officials marry even though the Church objects
• Some officials practice simony—selling religious offices
• Kings use lay investiture to appoint bishops
• Reformers believe only the Church should appoint bishops
The Age of Faith (continued)

Reform and Church Organization
- Starting in 1100s, popes reorganize Church like a kingdom
- Pope’s advisors make Church laws; diplomats travel throughout Europe
- Church collects tithes; uses money to care for sick, poor

New Religious Orders
- Dominican and Franciscan orders form
- Friars in these orders vow poverty; travel and preach to the poor
- Some new orders for women are founded
Cathedrals—Cities of God

Early Cathedrals

- Between 800–1100, churches are built in Romanesque style
- Style includes thick walls and pillars, small windows, round arches

A New Style of Church Architecture

- **Gothic** style evolves around 1100; term from Germanic tribe, Goths
- Gothic style has large, tall windows for more light; pointed arches
- Churches have stained glass windows, many sculptures
- About 500 Gothic churches are built from 1170 to 1270
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwXg4E5vYG4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwXg4E5vYG4)
The Crusades

The Beginning of the Crusades

- In 1093, Byzantine emperor asks for help fighting the Turks
- Pope Urban II issues a call for a Crusade—a “holy war”

Goals of the Crusades

- Pope wants to reclaim Jerusalem and reunite Christianity
- Kings use the Crusades to send away knights who cause trouble
- Younger sons hope to earn land or win glory by fighting
- Later, merchants join Crusades to try to gain wealth through trade
The Crusades (continued)

The First and Second Crusades

- Pope promises Crusaders who die a place in heaven
- First Crusade: three armies gather at Constantinople in 1097
- Crusaders capture Jerusalem in 1099
- Captured lands along coast divided into four Crusader states
- Muslims take back Edessa in 1144; Second Crusade fails to retake it
- In 1187 Saladin—Muslim leader and Kurdish warrior—retakes Jerusalem
The Crusades {continued}

The Third Crusade

- Third Crusade led by three powerful rulers
- One is Richard the Lion-Hearted—king of England
- Phillip II of France abandons Crusade after arguing with Richard
- Frederick I of Germany drowns during the journey
- In 1192 Richard and Saladin make peace after many battles
- Saladin keeps Jerusalem but allows Christian pilgrims to enter city
The Crusading Spirit Dwindles

Later Crusades

• Fourth Crusade: Crusaders loot Constantinople in 1204
• Two other Crusades strike Egypt, but fail to weaken Muslims

The Children’s Crusade

• In 1212 thousands of children die or are enslaved in failed crusade

A Spanish Crusade

• Most of Spain controlled by Moors, a Muslim people
• Christians fight Reconquista—drive Muslims from Spain, 1100 to 1492
• Spain has Inquisition—court to suppress heresy; expels non-Christians
The Effects of the Crusades

The Crusades Change Life

- Crusades show power of Church in convincing thousands to fight
- Women who stay home manage the estate and business affairs
- Merchants expand trade, bring back many goods from Southwest Asia
- Failure of later crusades weakens pope and nobles, strengthens kings
- Crusades create lasting bitterness between Muslims and Christians
Changes in Medieval Society

The feudal system declines as agriculture, trade, finance, towns, and universities develop.
Changes in Agriculture

- From 800 to 1200 the climate warms, opening more land to farming
- Changes in technology result in more food production

Switch to Horsepower

- Harnessed horses replace oxen in pulling plows and wagons
- Horses plow three times as much a day, increasing food supply

The Three-Field System

- Around 800 three-field system used—plant two fields, let one rest
- This produces more food and leads to population increase
The Guilds

Development of Guilds

- **Guilds** develop—organization of people in the same occupation
- Merchant guilds begin first; they keep prices up, provide security
- Skilled artisans, men and women, form craft guilds
- Guilds set standards for quality, prices, wages, working conditions
- Guilds supervise training of new members of their craft
- The wealth of guilds influences government and economy
Commercial Revolution

Fairs and Trade
- Europe sees Commercial Revolution—changes in business and trade
- Trade fairs are held several times a year in towns
- Trade routes open to Asia, North Africa, and Byzantine ports

Business and Banking
- Merchants develop credit to avoid carrying large sums of money
- Merchants take out loans to purchase goods, and banking grows

Society Changes
- Economic changes lead to the growth of cities and paying jobs
Urban Life Flourishes

Growing Urban Population
  • 1000–1150, Europe’s population rises from 30 million to 42 million
  • Most towns are small, but they help drive change

Trade and Towns Grow Together
  • Towns are uncomfortable: crowded, dirty, full of fire hazards
  • Serfs can become free by living in a town for a year and a day

Merchant Class Shifts the Social Order
  • Feudal lords tax and govern towns, causing resentment
  • Towns are taken over by **burghers**—town merchants
The Revival of Learning

The Muslim Connection

• Christian scholars read translations of Greek works made by Muslims
• Crusaders return with Muslim knowledge of navigation, ships, weapons

Scholars and the University

• Groups of scholars gather to teach and learn; form universities
• Written works not in Latin but in vernacular—everyday language

Aquinas and Medieval Philosophy

• Thomas Aquinas, a religious scholar, mixes Greek and Christian thought
• He is a scholastic—university man; debates issues to increase knowledge
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England and France Develop

As the kingdoms of England and France begin to develop into nations, certain democratic traditions evolve.
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England Absorbs Waves of Invaders

Early Invasions

- Danish Vikings invade England throughout the 800s
- Alfred the Great and his successors gradually unite England
- Danish king Canute invades in 1016, uniting Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

The Norman Conquest

- In 1066, England is invaded for last time by William the Conqueror
- He defeats his rival for English crown, becomes king
- William keeps one-fifth of land; hands out rest to supporters
England’s Evolving Government

**King and Vassal**
- English rulers’ goal: to control lands in both England and France
- **Henry II**—king of England—gains more French land through marriage
- Henry is king in England and a vassal in France

**Juries and Common Law**
- Henry sends judges to all parts of England and institutes juries
- The judges’ decisions form English **common law**—unified body of laws
- Common law forms the basis of law in many
- English-speaking countries
England’s Evolving Government \textit{continued}

The Magna Carta
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- \textit{Magna Carta}—limits king’s power and guarantees basic political rights
- English people argue the rights are for all people, not just nobles

The Model Parliament
- In 1295, Edward I summons wealthy townsmen and knights to raise taxes
- Together with bishops and lords, they form a \textit{parliament}—legislative body
- Parliament has two houses: House of Lords, House of Commons
Capetian Dynasty Rules France

The End of the Carolingians
- New French dynasty founded by **Hugh Capet**—a duke from central France
- The Capetians rule France from Paris from 987–1328

France Becomes a Separate Kingdom
- Early Capetians are weak rulers; gradually kings become stronger

Philip II Expands His Power
- **Philip II**—a powerful Capetian, rules 1180–1223
- Philip expands land controlled by French king
- He establishes bailiffs to collect taxes and run courts

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\textbf{Philip II’s Heirs}

- 1226 to 1270 grandson Louis IX strengthens the central government
- 1285 to 1314 Philip IV rules; questions pope’s authority in France
- Philip calls meeting of lords and bishops to support his policies
- He decides to include commoners in the meeting
Capetian Dynasty Rules France {continued}

**Estates-General**
- The meeting is called the Estates-General
- Participants in the council come from France’s three Estates
  - First Estate—Church leaders
  - Second Estate—lords
  - Third Estate—commoners, landholders, merchants

**Beginnings of Democracy**
- England and France begin to establish a democratic tradition
- A centralized government is created to rule widespread lands
- Common law and court system support a central government
- Commoners included in decision making
In the 1300s, Europe was torn apart by religious strife, the bubonic plague, and the Hundred Years’ War.
The Hundred Years’ War and the Plague

A Church Divided

Pope and King Collide
- In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII asserts authority over France’s Philip IV
- Philip has him imprisoned; pope dies soon after

Avignon and the Great Schism
- In 1305, French pope is chosen; moves to Avignon—city in France
- In 1378, two popes chosen—one in Rome, one in Avignon
- Each declares the other false, causing split called Great Schism
- In 1417, Council of Constance ends schism, chooses Martin V as pope

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A Church Divided \{continued\}

Scholars Challenge Church Authority

- Englishman John Wycliffe argues Jesus is head of the Church, not pope
- Wycliffe preaches against wealth and worldliness of clergy
- Wycliffe inspires English translation of New Testament
- Jan Hus—Bohemian professor—teaches that Bible is final authority
- Hus is excommunicated, tried as a heretic, burned at stake in 1415
The Bubonic Plague Strikes

Origins and Impact of the Plague

- In 1300s, Europe suffers **bubonic plague**—extremely deadly disease
- Begins in Asia; spreads to Italy and other countries over trade routes
- About one-third of Europe’s population dies in the epidemic

Effects of the Plague

- Town populations fall, trade declines, prices rise
- Some serfs leave manors for paying work
- Many Jews blamed and killed; Church suffers weakened stature
The Longbow Changes Warfare

- In 1346, English army with longbows beats much larger French army
- The English win other victories with longbows in 1356 and 1415
- Victory of longbows signals end of reliance on knights
The Hundred Years War *continued*

**Joan of Arc**

- **Joan of Arc**—French peasant girl who believes in visions of saints
- She leads French army to victory at Orléans; Charles VII crowned king
- In 1430 England’s allies, the Burgundians, capture Joan in battle
- The Church condemns Joan as a witch and heretic
- On May 30, 1431, she is burned at the stake
The Hundred Years War \textit{(continued)}

\textbf{The Impact of the Hundred Years’ War}

- Hundred Years’ War ends in 1453
- France and England experience major changes
  - rise in nationalistic feelings; king becomes national leader
  - power and prestige of French monarch increases
  - religious devotion and the code of chivalry crumbles
- England begins period of turmoil, War of the Roses
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