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MEDIEVAL SOCIETY, AN HISTORICAL ESSAY, BY FENTON

Answer each of the following questions about society during the Middle Ages (500-1300 AD). Be sure to use complete sentences and phrases. One-word answers are never acceptable in this course, because it tends to encourage laziness and inferior intellectual abilities.

1. State the political, economic, and social changes brought upon Europe by the end of Roman authority.

I. Political

II. Economic:

III. Social:

2. State seven specific reasons why the Western Roman Empire collapsed.

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3. What were the major divisions of the old Roman Empire? Where was each located?

4. What were the major accomplishment of Charlemagne?

5. How did Charlemagne depend upon the Frankish nobles? How did the Frankish nobility depend on the Emperor? What was this institution of mutual dependency called?

6. Describe the political situation in Europe from the ninth to the 13th century.

7. How did the Christian Church change from the crucifixion of Jesus to the fifth century?

8. How did the European kings and nobles and the Church support each other's position of power?

9. How did the Crusades influence those who returned to Europe/

10. In what ways did the Church carry on the intellectual traditions of the ancient world?

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11. How was medieval trade and commerce influenced by the political disunity of Europe?

12. Describe the basic contract between the manor lords and the serfs.

13. How did the nature of medieval towns change by the late 11th century?

14. In what ways were manor lords and guilds similar in their regulation of economic activities?

15. In what ways did manor lords and guilds regulate social life?

16. How was status in the Church both rigid and flexible?

17. Why did the political, economic, and social systems of the Middle Ages restrict change?