**THE DARK AGES**

**DOCUMENTARY QUESTIONS**

1. Why did the Visigoths head to Rome in 410 AD?
2. How did they defeat Rome?
3. What did the spectators shout when the gladiatorial games were on and why?
4. Why did the Visigoths leave Rome?
5. What occurred during the next 7 centuries that gave the age its name?
6. What was going on in spite of the chaos that altered the world?
7. What did Clovis do by converting to Catholicism in 496 AD?
8. Who legalized Christianity in 339 AD and why?
9. Describe Clovis?
10. What is “the ordeal” and how was it used?
11. What is Clovis’ legacy?
12. What happens in 533 AD?
13. Describe the Byzantium?
14. How are the East and West contrasted?
15. Describe Justinian (486 – 565 AD) and what he did by 542 AD?
16. What were the Nika riots of 532 AD?
17. What happened in the Italian Campaign of 538 – 558 AD?
18. Describe the Haga Sophia Justinian had built and its purpose?
19. Describe the Bubonic Plague (began May 542 AD) and its effects?
20. How many people died of the plague?
21. How many recurrences of the plague occurred in Europe and when?
22. What was life in Europe like by the 7th Century?
23. Describe the importance of monasteries and monks?
24. Who is Bead and what did he do?
25. Who was Benedict (500AD-)?
26. What was the Rule of St. Benedict?
27. What is going on at the same time in the East?
28. What did the Moors want and contrast with what the Christians wanted? Was it a religious war at the heart?
29. Compare the Moorish armies and the Christian armies of Europe?

Moors Europeans

1. Describe Charles “the Hammer” Martel and how he built his army?
2. How did Charles defeat the Moors under Abdul Rahman Al Ghafiqi in the Battle of Tours (Poitiers) October 10th 732? Explain the strategies used.
3. Who assumes the title of Emperor of Christendom (Rome), where and when?
4. Describe Charlemagne: his worldview, accomplishments and historical significance?
5. What is Europe like during Charlemagne’s reign (768 – 814 AD)?
6. How were the wars of Charlemagne religious cleansing?
7. What is the historical significance of Christmas Day 800 AD?
8. Who invaded England at the dawn of Europe’s recovery (793 AD)?
9. Describe the Vikings, their strengths and their motivations to invade and sack Europe from the 8th to the 11th Century AD?
10. Why was Britain so vulnerable?
11. Who was Ivar the Boneless and what did he do?
12. Who was Alfred the Great (871-899 AD) and what did he do (historical significance)?
13. Describe Europe after the Viking Age (June 16, 793 – 1066 AD)?
14. Describe knights and what their jobs were?
15. How did the clergy control the knights?
16. What was the Peace of God?
17. What was the Truce of God?
18. Why did the church turn to the Middle East as a military focus?
19. When Pope Urban II start the First Crusade?
20. What did Europe gain from the Crusades (historical significance)?
21. What other factors led to Europe’s recovery from the Dark Ages around 1000 AD?
22. Were the Dark Ages really dark?