



What I've learned about the middle ages

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Constantine the Great



Emperor of the Roman Empire.
Christianity was a persecuted religion by the previous Empires
Council of Nicaea, central control
Established Christianity as the official religion of the Empire.

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The Council of Nicea brought together representatives from the Roman Empire to unify the teachings of Christianity



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He accepted Christianity as the imperial religion empire



. Constructed St Peter's Basilica. 330.

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The First St.
Peter's
Basilica



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The city of Constantinople



Moved the Empire to Constantinople.

Theodosian Wall





Emperor Valen, 350

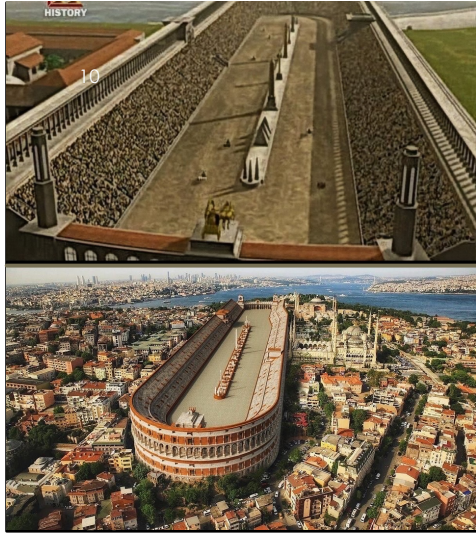
Emperor Valen, 350 - Aqueduct 400 miles of water to the city.

Cistern under the city. Storage of water,

Chain across the horn.

Built the Theodosian Wall. Mote and three walls.

Greek replaced Latin.

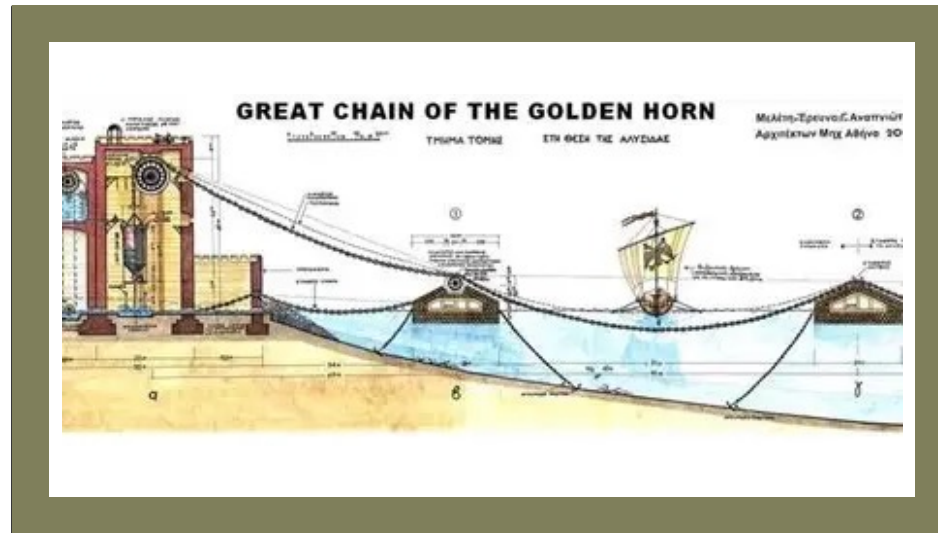


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Arina's
capacity is
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thousand.

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Water was stored in underground cisterns



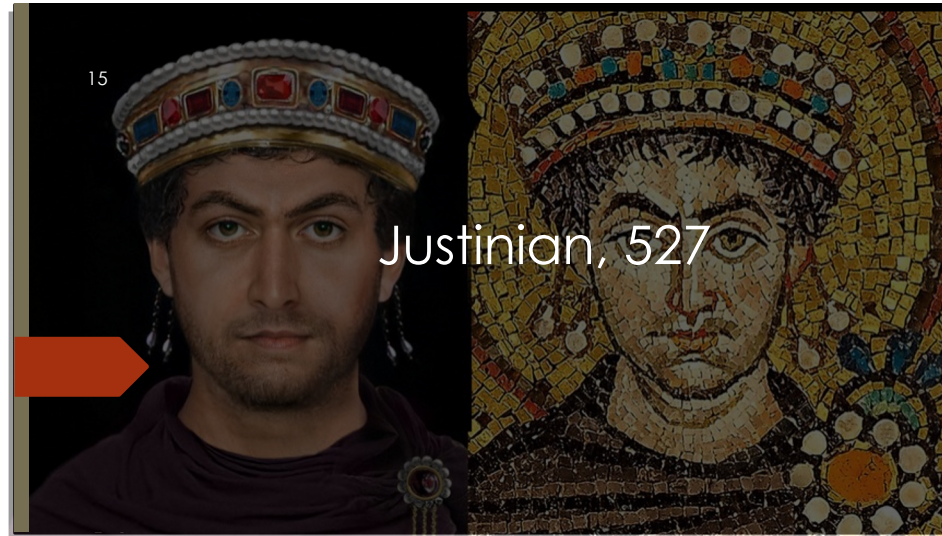


Hagia Sophia





Fall of Rome - 410



Justinian, 527

Expanded the Empire.

Constructed Hagia Sophia in 532.

Bubonic plague , and 100 million died.

The East and Western empires separated.

Byzantine Empire 400 AD



¹⁷ Clovis, king of the Salian Franks, 481

- Defeated the Goths and Lombards and controlled the Franks, died in 511.



Clovis control of the Salian Franks, 481

Defeated the Goths and Lombards and controlled the Franks,
Attila the HUN occupied Rome. 462

Total area controlled by Islam year 700

**Muhammad was born in 571**

ISLAM grew across northern Africa into Spain.

Map of the area occupied



Charles
"The
Hammer"
Martel



Muslims invaded France from Spain.

Charles the Hammer organized an army and fought the Battle of Tours, **732, Battle of TOURS, France map**

Knight prepared for Battle



Vikings Plundered English Monasteries 793 AD



Viking Invasion 793-1066



Vikings.

793 plundered England's monasteries map

Rich protector with armed troops, KNIGHTS.

Vikings presence was felt throughout Europe,
Assimilated.

800 Golden Age Baghdad, Toledo, center of learning and Islamic culture. Recorded past history.

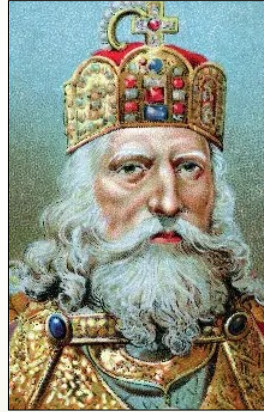
Science, math, history, culture.

1100 religion replaced learning.

Vikings Invasion Route



Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor 800 AD



Charlemagne 785

grandson of Charles the Hammer.

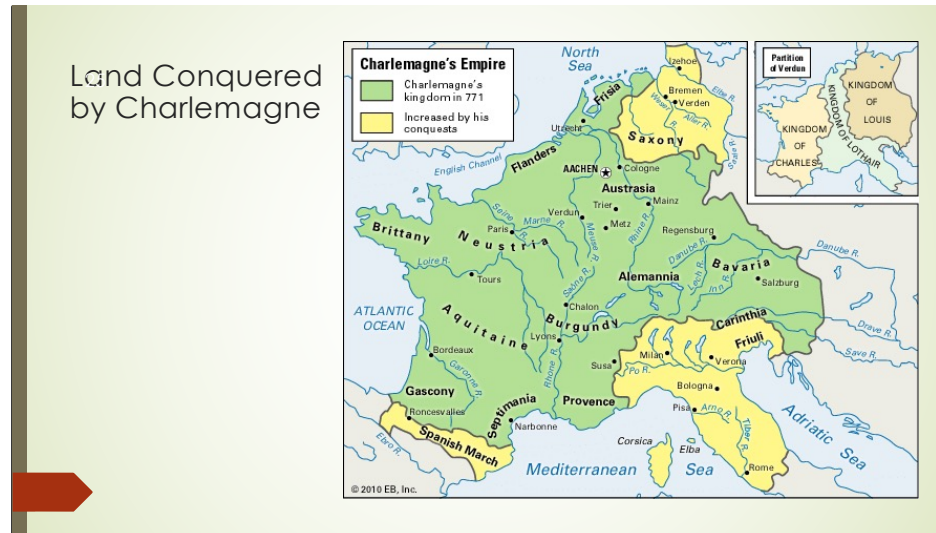
Expanded empire, Christian or death.

Constructed 30 cathedrals, 74 monasteries. Power of the church

Convert to Christianity or die. Introduced units of measure.

Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne **Holy Roman Emperor**.

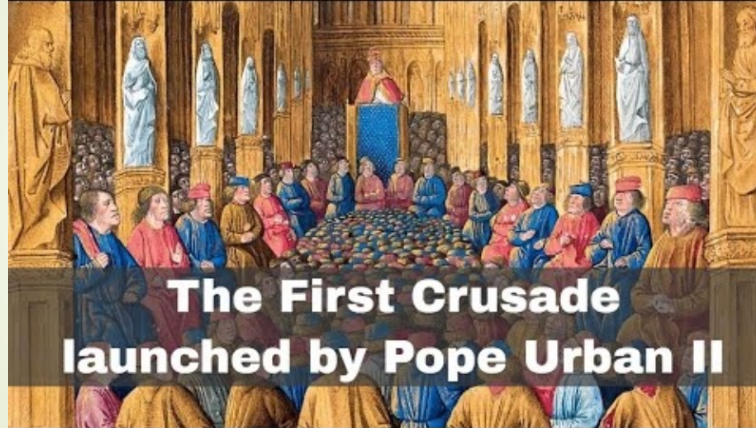
Charlemagne died in 814 Leo and the map occupied



William the Conqueror - conquered England, 1066

Pope Urban II organized Templars in 1095 AD

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Pope Urban II organized the Knights in 1095

First Crusade – Christ's Army to **free** Jerusalem from the Muslims.

Knights Templars

Pope Urban II forgave all sins and gave them considerable power.

Freedom to travel, protect the crusaders. God's Army.

Free Jerusalem from the non-Christian

Many were willing to serve King Richard

First credit system. They accumulate great wealth.

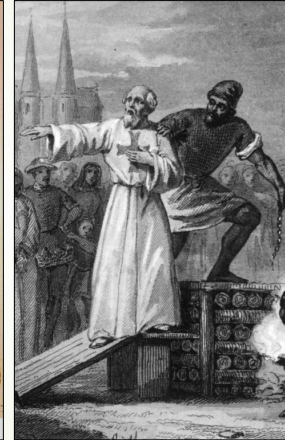
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Saladin Controls Jerusalem in 1099,
defeating the crusaders (Templars)



Saladin controls Jerusalem in 1099. The end of the Crusades after 200 years.
The Knights Templar acquired great wealth and power

Jacques de
Molay, Friday 13th
1213



The King of France burned Grand Master Molay

Grand Master Jacques de Moley

On **October 13th, 1314**

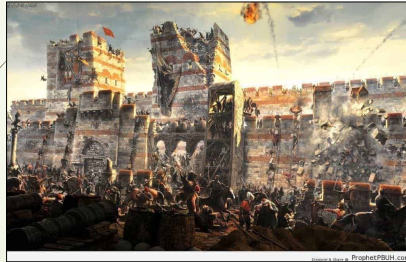
Friday the 13th

accused and burned. WEALTH NEVER FOUND

1453 The Ottoman Empire conquered Constantinople.

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The Ottoman Empire conquered Constantinople, 1453 by Mehmed II



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Canon used during battle

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Christine of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon (King of Spain) married in 1492

- Have control in Spain
- Columbus's New World
- Drove Muslims and Jews out of Spain
- Henry VIII is Catholic

1492 Christine of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon married

1492 drove Muslim and Jews out of Spain

1529, the Ottomans attacked Vienna, who were repelled by Polish General.

1534 Henry VIII started the Church of England



1501 Henry VIII married Cathern of Aragon (daughter of the King of Spain)

1506 POPE Julius II rebuild St Peters (indulgences.)

1522 Luther wrote the Bible in German.

1534 Henry VIII started *the Church of England.*

Questions