

Social Studies 8  
Unit: Early Middle Ages  
Lesson: Charlemagne

### Charlemagne (Charles the Great)

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Europe is ruled by small Germanic tribes

- The FRANKS become the strongest and most powerful group
  - CHARLEMAGNE (Charles the Great) is their leader
  - In 800 C.E. the Pope crowns him the "Holy Roman Emperor" – Emperor of the Romans

The crowning of Charlemagne is important because:

1. Showed a friendship between the Pope & the King of the Franks (An ALLIANCE)
2. The birth of a "United Europe"
3. Showed there was an interest in reviving the idea of the Roman Empire

"New" Holy Roman Empire: Was a mix of ROMAN, CHRISTIAN, and GERMAN ideas

## Brainstorming Activity

The relationship between Clovis and the Church was mutually beneficial.  
Strengthening the power of both Clovis and the Church.

*Your task is to provide as many supporting details as you possibly can that support the claim presented in the above statement.....*

## Brainstorming Activity

Monastic life created hope for continued education and the development of Western European society.

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Charlemagne became king of the Franks in 768 C.E.  
He is a very important figure in medieval history because he  
brought great changes to Western Civilization that had not  
been seen since Roman times.

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