

UNIT 5 Europe in the Middle Ages

418 to 1580

711-1492
Moors rule Spain.

1066
Normans take control of England.

1095
First Crusade is called by Pope Urban II.

1347
Plague-infected rats arrive in Sicily.

1498
Vasco da Gama reaches the Indies.

1519-1522
Magellan's crew circles the earth.

400

600

800

418
Visigoths start a kingdom in Spain.

432
St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland.

789
Vikings' first raid strikes Portland, England.

800
Charlemagne is crowned "Emperor of the West."

Early Kingdoms of Medieval Europe

During the **Middle Ages** or **medieval era**, many Europeans were poor, uneducated, and violent.

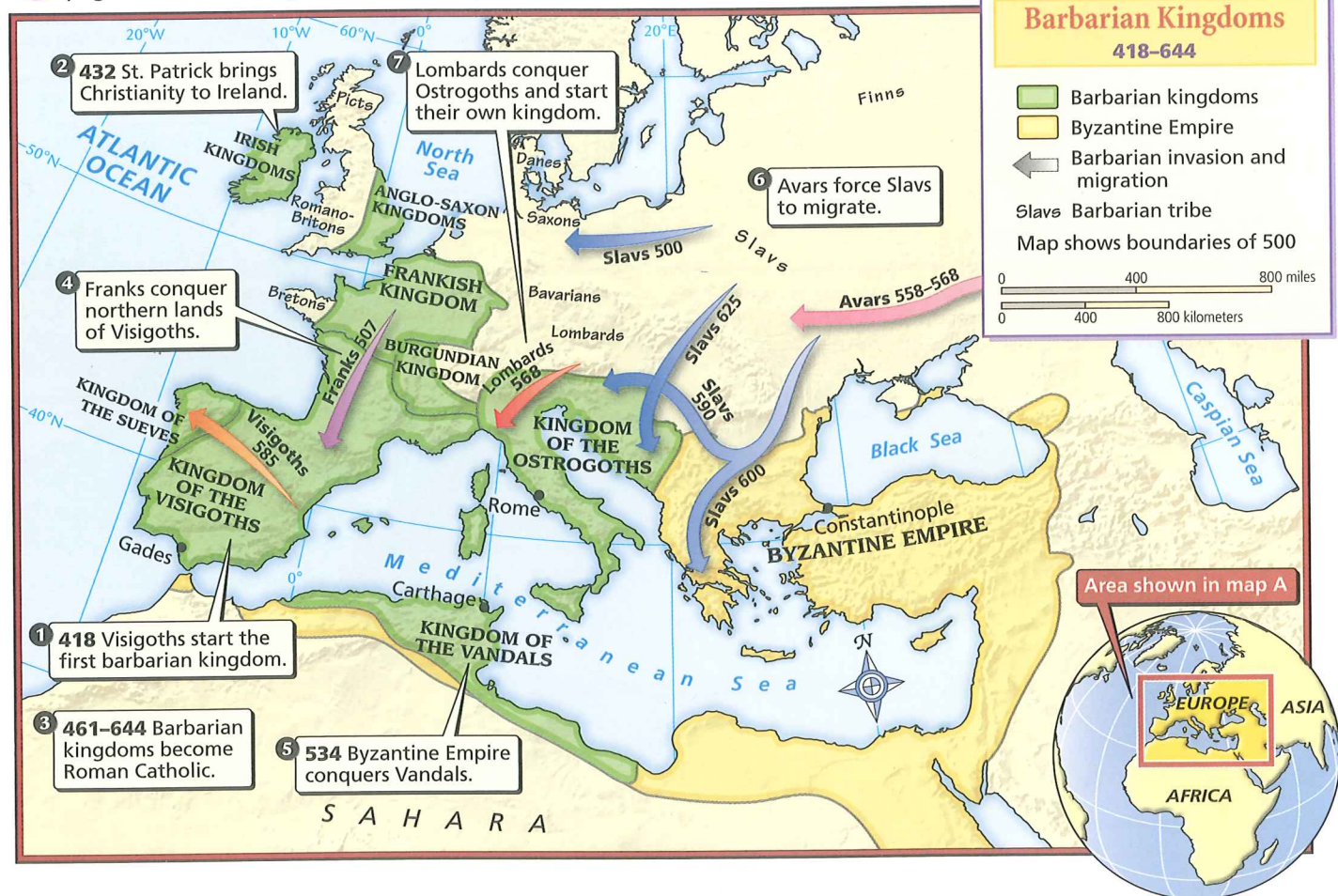
- Early in the Middle Ages, barbarian tribes settled in Western Europe and established their own kingdoms.
- Barbarian kings, wanting to be as civilized as the Romans, became Roman Catholic.
- One Frankish king, Charlemagne, conquered much of Western Europe.

Barbarians in Our Language

barbarian —a brutal or uncultured person	From <i>bar bar</i> , an imitation of how barbarians talked.
frank —straightforward	From the Franks, who thought violence was more direct than laws or diplomacy.
slave —person held as property of another	From the Slavs, a tribe that lost many people to slavery in the Roman Empire.
vandalism —deliberate destruction of property	From the Vandals, the tribe that looted Rome in 455.

B The table above shows some modern-day words, definitions, and histories.

A Compare the barbarian invasions on page 41 with the kingdoms on this map.

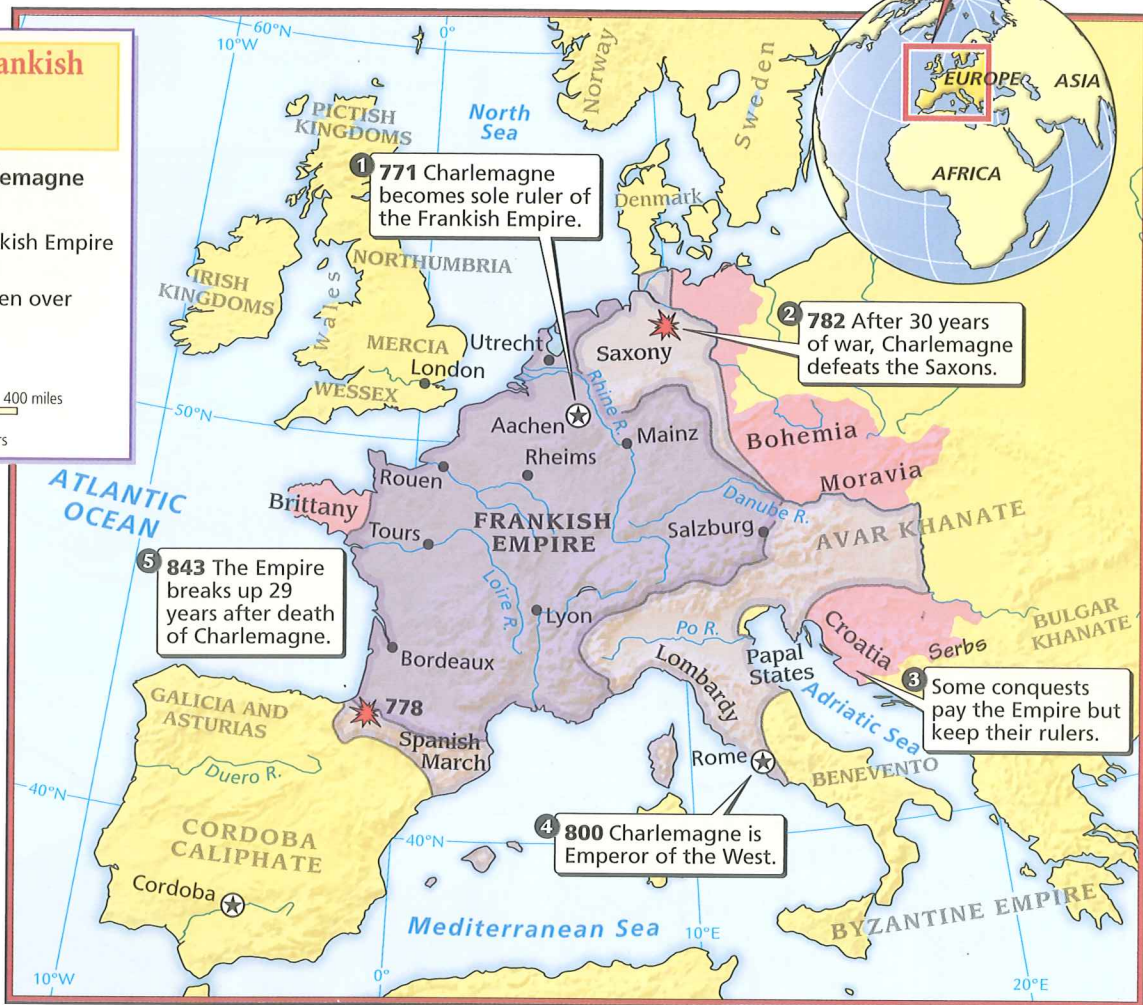


Charlemagne's Frankish Empire 771-814

Expansion Under Charlemagne

- Light purple: Frankish Empire, 771
- Dark purple: Additions to the Frankish Empire by 814
- Light pink: Defeated but not taken over
- Red star: Battle
- Black star: Capital

Scale: 0, 200, 400 miles / 0, 200, 400 kilometers



C Charlemagne's empire extended beyond what is now France into lands that are now Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands. His empire spread Christianity into new areas.



D The pope (center) crowned Charlemagne "Emperor of the West." Western Europeans hoped Charlemagne's rule would end centuries of chaos.

Who is the pope?
The pope is the Roman Catholic bishop of Rome and is the leader of the entire church. In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church was very powerful in Western Europe. Today the pope leads over a billion Catholics worldwide.