

Europe in the Middle Ages

418 to 1580

Visigoths start a

kingdom in Spain.

Moors rule Spain.

600 400 432 418 St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland.

789 Vikings' first raid strikes Portland, England.

800 Charlemagne is crowned "Emperor

of the West."

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

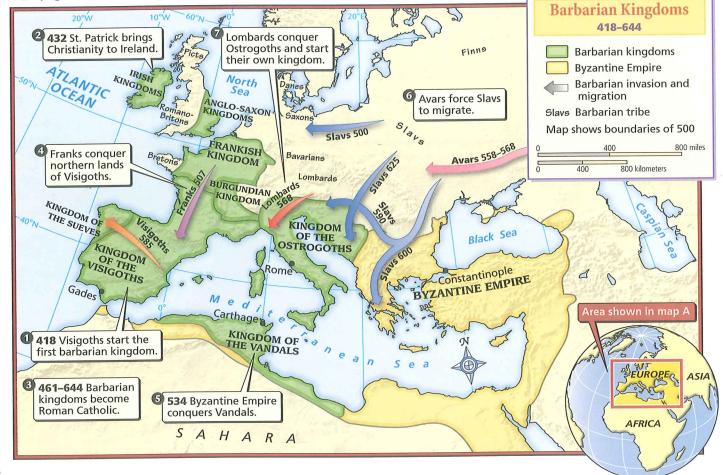
- Early in the Middle Ages, barbarian tribes settled in Western Europe and established their own kingdoms.
- Barbarian kings, wanting to be as civilized as the Romans, became Roman Catholic.
- One Frankish king, Charlemagne, conquered much of Western Europe.

Barbarians in Our Language

barbarian—a brutal or uncultured person	From bar bar , 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.

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

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



1066 Normans take control of England.

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11095 First Crusade is called by Pope Urban II.

Plaque-infected rats arrive in Sicily.

Vasco da Gama reaches the Indies. 1519-1522 Magellan's crew circles the earth.

1200 1400 1600 1215 1337-1453 Otto I creates what will be Magna Carta gives Hundred Years' War the Holy Roman Empire. rights to free men in fought between England Area shown in map C England. and France. Charlemagne's Frankish **Empire** 1800 C PICTISH North Sea 771-814 771 Charlemagne **Expansion Under Charlemagne** AFRICA becomes sole ruler of Frankish Empire, 771 the Frankish Empire. Additions to the Frankish Empire NORTHUMBRIA by 814 Defeated but not taken over **2 782** After 30 years ** Battle MERCIA Utrecht of war, Charlemagne Saxony defeats the Saxons. London Aachen Mainz Bohemia Rheims ATLANTIC Moravia Brittany OCEAN AVAR KHANATE FRANKISH Tours Salzburg / Charlemagne's **843** The Empire empire extended breaks up 29 beyond what is years after death now France into of Charlemagne. Serbs lands that are now Bordeaux 3 Some conquests Germany, Italy, GALICIA AND ASTURIAS 778 pay the Empire but keep their rulers. Switzerland, Belgium and the Spanish Netherlands, His March Duero R. empire spread Christianity into CORDOBA **800** Charlemagne is new areas. Emperor of the West. Cordoba 😭 🦳 BYZANTINE EMP Mediterranean Sea



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.