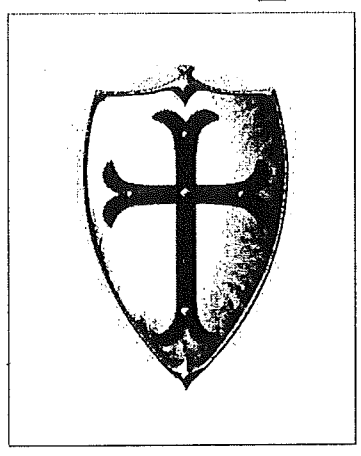


Social Studies 8
Unit Overview: *The Early & Late Middle Ages*

- Expansion of TOWNS
- Reestablishment of TRADE ROUTES
- Illuminated Manuscripts
- Castles & Cathedrals

MAJOR ADVANCEMENTS

"Darkest Period" of the MIDDLE AGES
= Fall of Rome 476 CE - 800 CE
= Changes come with the rise of CHARLEMAGNE in 800 CE.



FEUDALISM Established

- = Contract between a LORD and his VASSAL
- = Development of the MANOR FARM (Self-Sufficient)

* In the Middle Ages ...

LAND = POWER

MAJOR EVENTS

- Norman Conquest
- Signing of the MAGNA CARTA
- The CRUSADES
- Black Death

The Power & Influence of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

- ▣ the CHURCH will dominate the lives of people in WESTERN EUROPE for over 1000 years
- ▣ Will dominate the SOCIAL, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC landscape
- ▣ Importance of MONASTERIES