

# The Rise of Feudalism in Europe During the Middle Ages



# The Middle Ages or Medieval Period

( 500 CE -1500 CE.)

**Barbarian  
Invasions  
and  
political  
corruption  
cause the  
Fall of the  
Western  
Roman  
Empire**



**Rise of  
New  
Kingdoms/  
States  
that are  
not united**



**New  
Kingdoms  
are unable  
to protect  
themselves  
from  
Barbarian  
Invasions,  
causing a  
need for  
localized  
Protection**



**The  
Rise of  
Feudalism  
in Europe**



# **Key words Essential to Feudalism**

- Feudalism- (Fyoo-duh-lih-zuhm)  
A system of PROTECTION in the Middle Ages.
- Vassal-An oath of loyalty between knights and lords that stated they would protect the land.

*A knight is a vassal (loyal subject) for his lord and a lord is a vassal for a king.*

# Feudal Europe Power Pyramid

The  
Pope

King

Lords/Nobles

Knights/Vassals

Peasants/Serfs



# Popes

- Leader of the Roman Catholic Church
- Popes were seen as God's representative on earth.

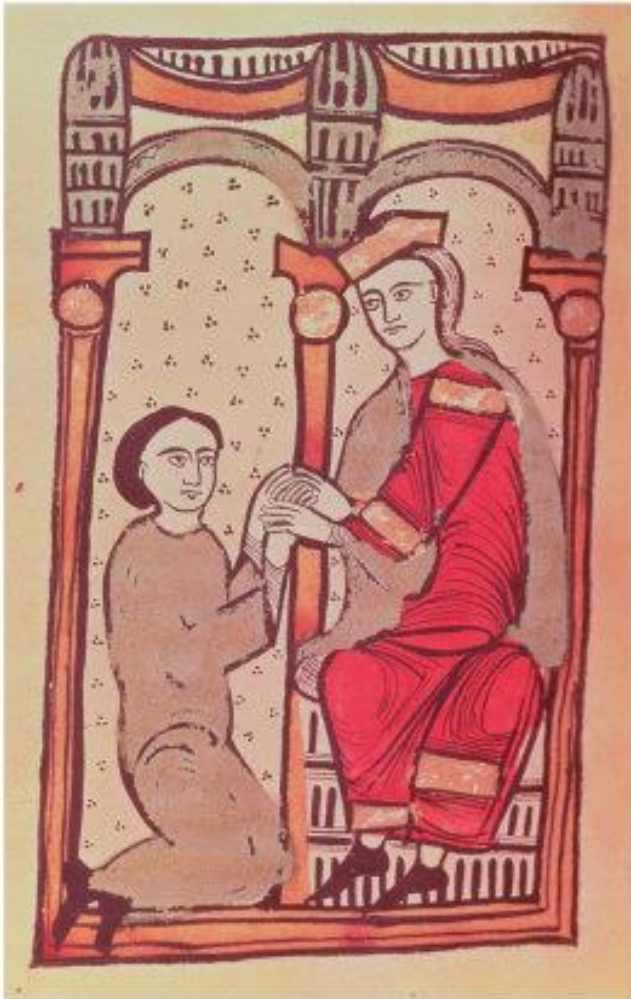


# Kings

- Leader of kingdoms.
- Kings gave land to the lords.
- All lords/nobles and knights swore an oath of loyalty to protect the king's land.



# Nobles/Lords



- Swore loyalty to the king.
- In exchange, nobles were given land called fiefs to protect.



# Knights



- Armored warriors that protected their lords land.
- 🔊 • They often received “fiefs” (land) for their service.



# Peasants

- Worked on the lords land (manors) growing and harvesting food for the feudal system.
- Received protection for their service.



# Check for Understanding: What did knights receive in exchange for their oaths of loyalty?


1. A pay check

 2. A fief

3. A title

4. A weapon

# Check for Understanding: A manor was a large estate owned by a...

1. A knight or peasant
2. A daimyo or samurai
-  3. A knight or lord
4. Peasants or farmers



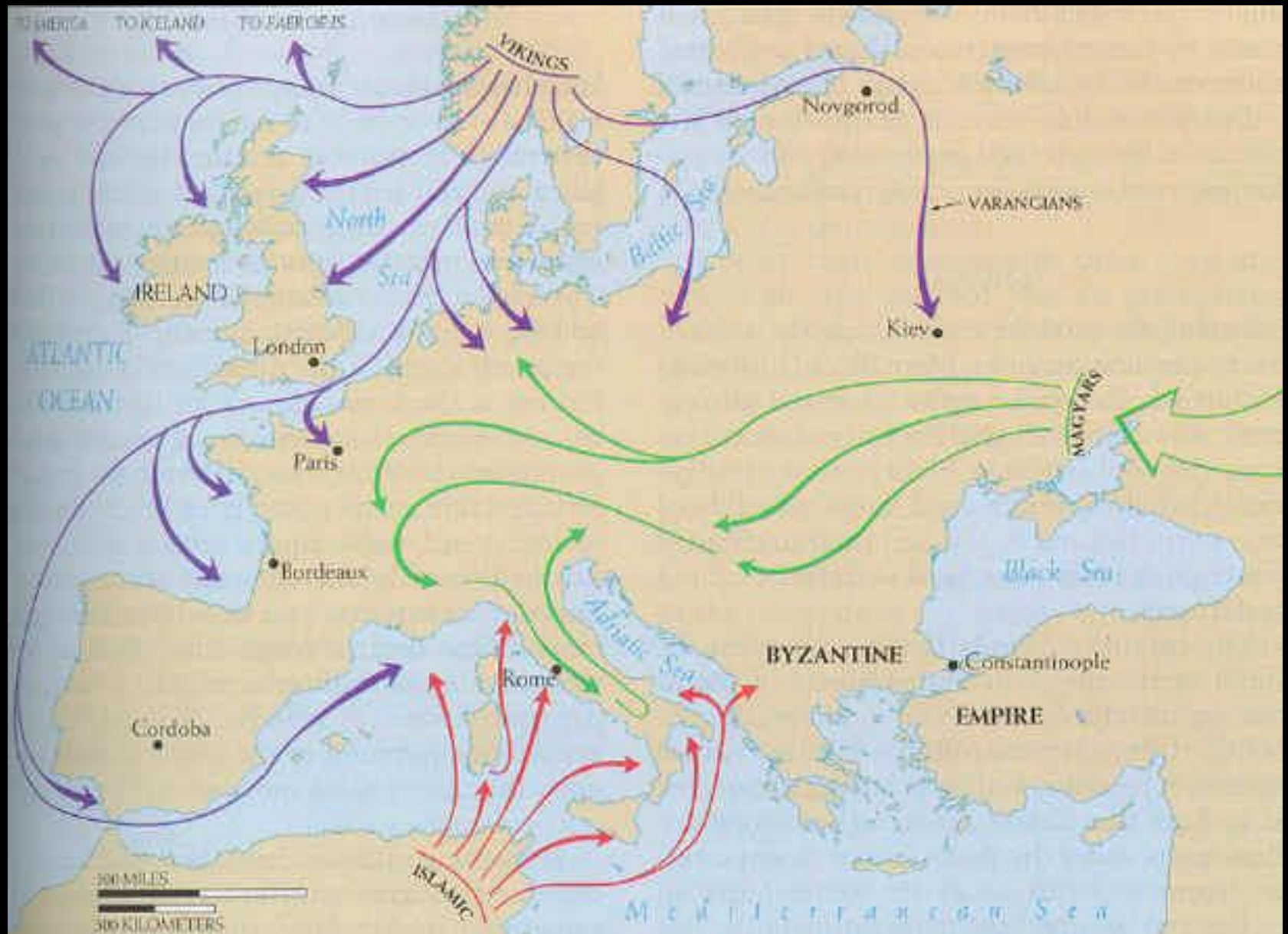


# Who did England and France need protection from?

1. The Vikings invaded from Scandinavia- *Expert sailors. They were quick and savage. They attacked Ireland, England and France. They looted and captured people to sell into slavery. Most Europeans lived in terror of them.*
2. The Magyars attacked from Asia.
3. The Muslims attacked (from South).



# Vikings, Muslims and Magyars Invasion Map



# Charlemagne

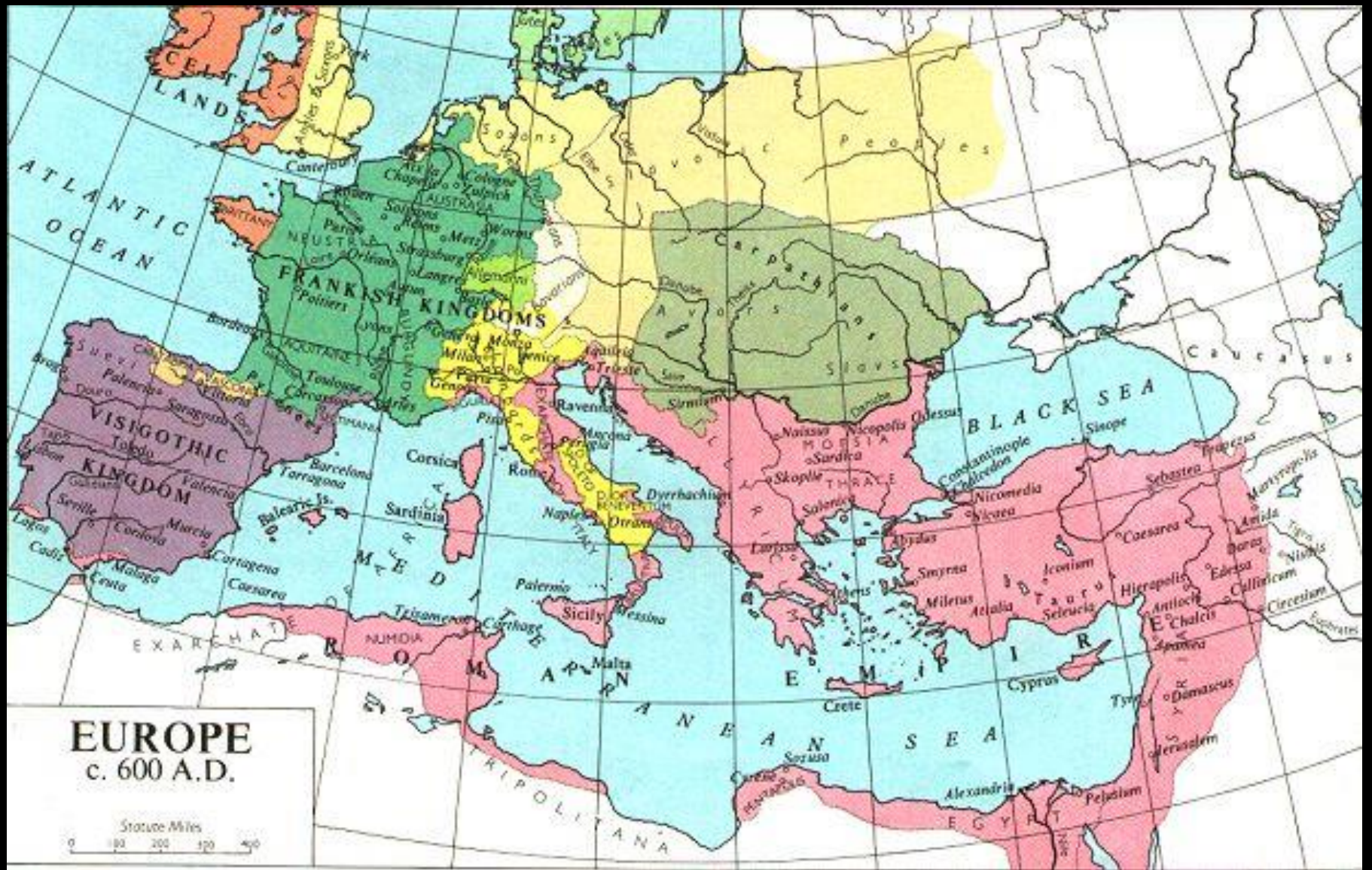
- *Charlemagne was first crowned king of the Franks.*
- *Later, in 800 CE he was crowned by the POPE Leo III as the Holy Roman Emperor.*
- *This enraged the people of the Eastern Byzantine Empire because their ruler was not selected!*

The Church and Charlemagne depended on each other:

- ✓ *The Pope needed the support of his army to protect the church.*
- ✓ *Charlemagne gained support from his people because he was viewed as having “God on his side”.*







Frankish Kingdoms

# *Charlemagne Continued*

- Through wars of conquest he united differing European tribes.
- He showed the tribes of Europe that they have similar values under Christianity.



By Rafael: the Coronation of Charlegmagne



Check for Understanding: Invaders from Scandinavia who attacked Europe during the 700 and 800s were called...



1. The Vikings

2. Muslims

3. Magyars

4. Samurai

Check for Understanding: Who built a European Christian Empire and was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in the year 800 CE?

1. Clovis
2. St Patrick
3. Pope Leo III
-  4. Charlemagne

# William The Conqueror

- A French Duke who defeated the English king at the Battle of Hastings.
- After winning the battle he declared himself king of England.
- William rewarded the knights that helped him win the battle by giving them land.
- This event marked the beginning of the feudal system in England.



# William The Conqueror



# Battle of Hastings





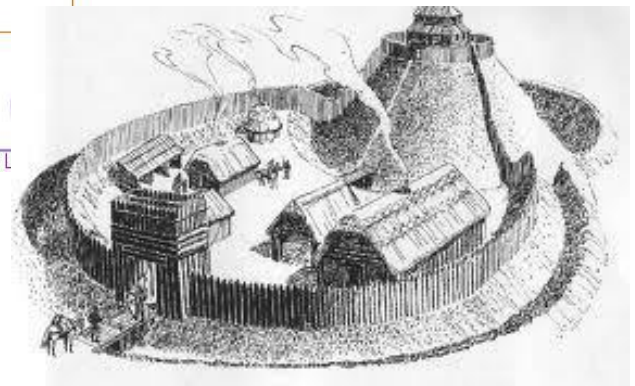
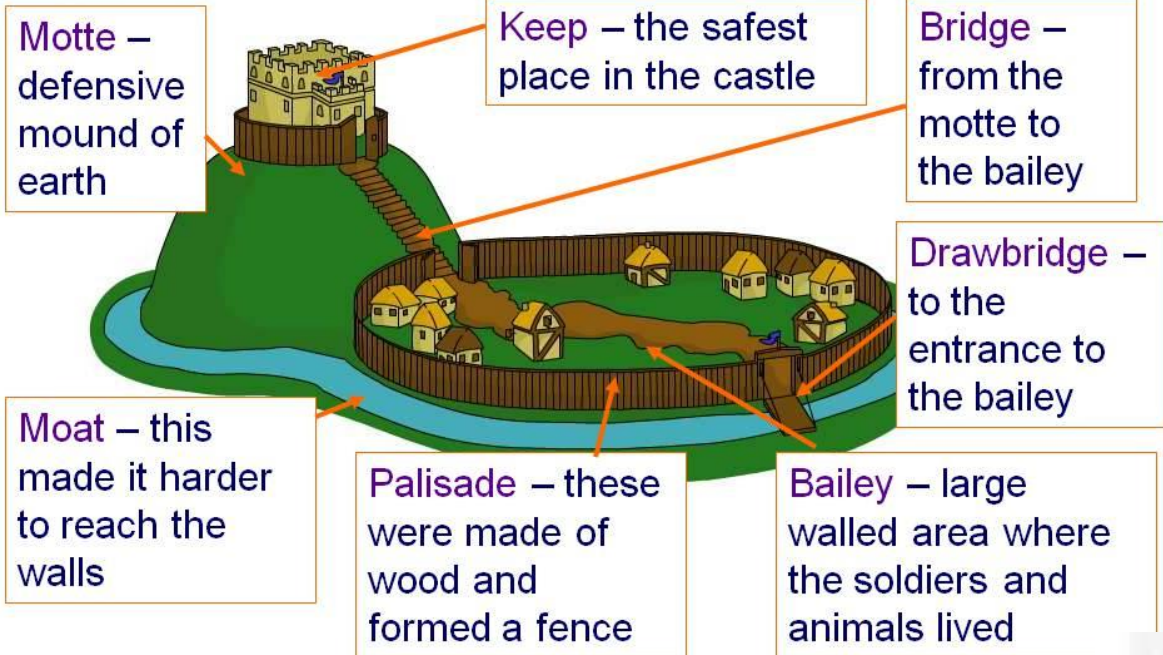
# Check for Understanding: Feudalism began to spread to England soon after...

1. Charlemagne was crowned emperor of the Romans
2. The Vikings began raiding northern Europe
3. William the Conqueror invaded England and won the Battle of Hastings
4. Eleanor of Aquitaine married King Henry II of England



# The First Castle Design: Motte and Bailey

## Early castles



## More Advanced Castled Designs



Caernarfon Castle



# Youtube Link

- The Castle by David Macaulay
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGbPShUpjpg&list=PLA9C3672CED7D4327>
- Play from about 14 minutes to 17.