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400–1650

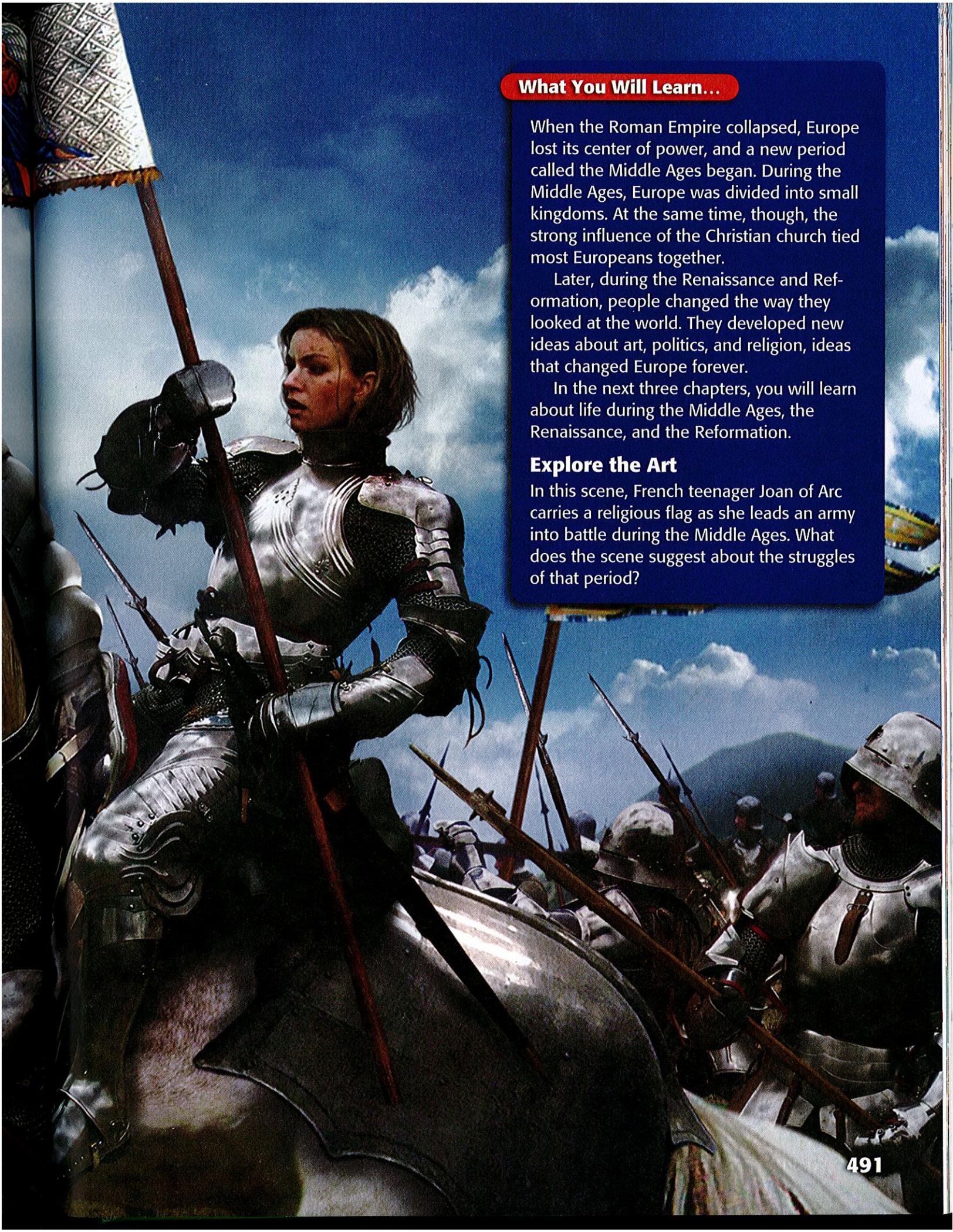
Renewal in Europe

Chapter 17 The Early Middle Ages

Chapter 18 The Later Middle Ages

Chapter 19 The Renaissance and
Reformation





What You Will Learn...

When the Roman Empire collapsed, Europe lost its center of power, and a new period called the Middle Ages began. During the Middle Ages, Europe was divided into small kingdoms. At the same time, though, the strong influence of the Christian church tied most Europeans together.

Later, during the Renaissance and Reformation, people changed the way they looked at the world. They developed new ideas about art, politics, and religion, ideas that changed Europe forever.

In the next three chapters, you will learn about life during the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation.

Explore the Art

In this scene, French teenager Joan of Arc carries a religious flag as she leads an army into battle during the Middle Ages. What does the scene suggest about the struggles of that period?

The Early Middle Ages

Essential Question How did life in Europe change after the fall of Rome?



What You Will Learn...

In this chapter you will learn about the social and economic systems in Europe during a time called the Middle Ages.

SECTION 1: Geography of Europe 496

The Big Idea Because Europe has many types of landforms and climates, different ways of life have developed there.

SECTION 2: Europe after the Fall of Rome 500

The Big Idea Despite the efforts of Christians to maintain order, Europe was a dangerous place after the fall of Rome.

SECTION 3: Feudalism and Manor Life 506

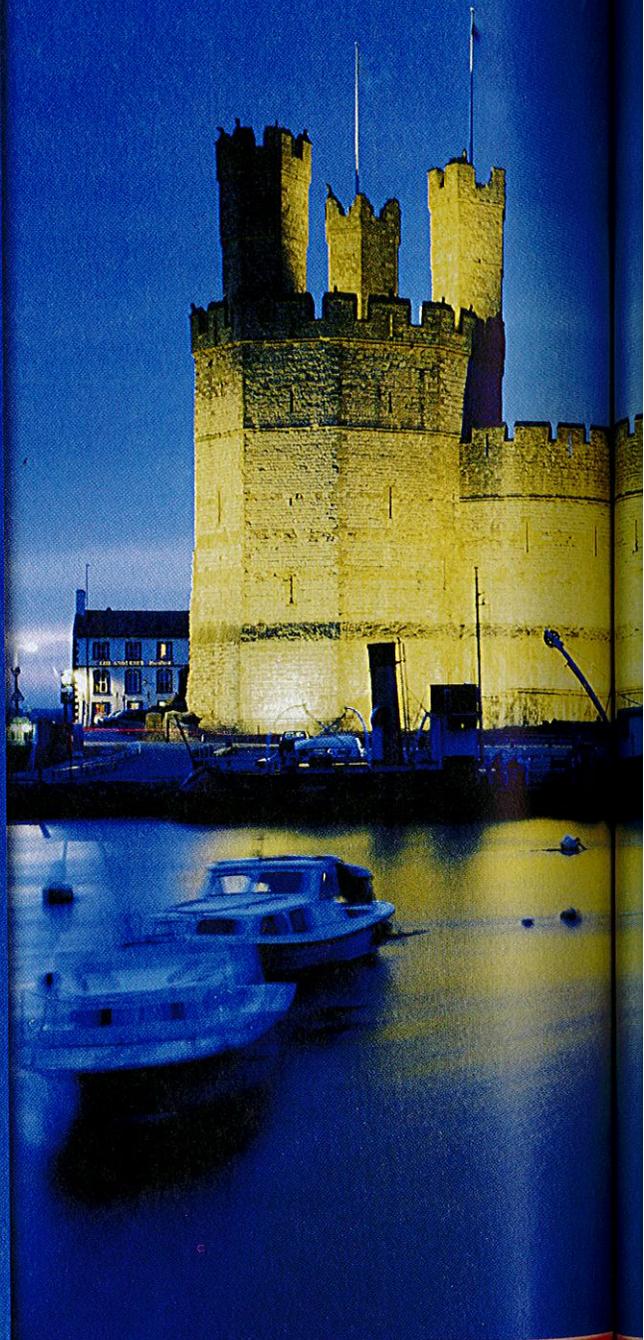
The Big Idea A complex web of duties and obligations governed relationships between people in the Middle Ages.

SECTION 4: Feudal Societies 512

The Big Idea Although the feudal systems of Europe and Japan were similar, their cultures were very different.

FOCUS ON WRITING

A Job Advertisement In the 900s nobles needed knights, or warriors, to help protect their property. As you read this chapter, imagine what it would be like to be one of those nobles. Then you will write a job ad seeking knights to help you defend your land.



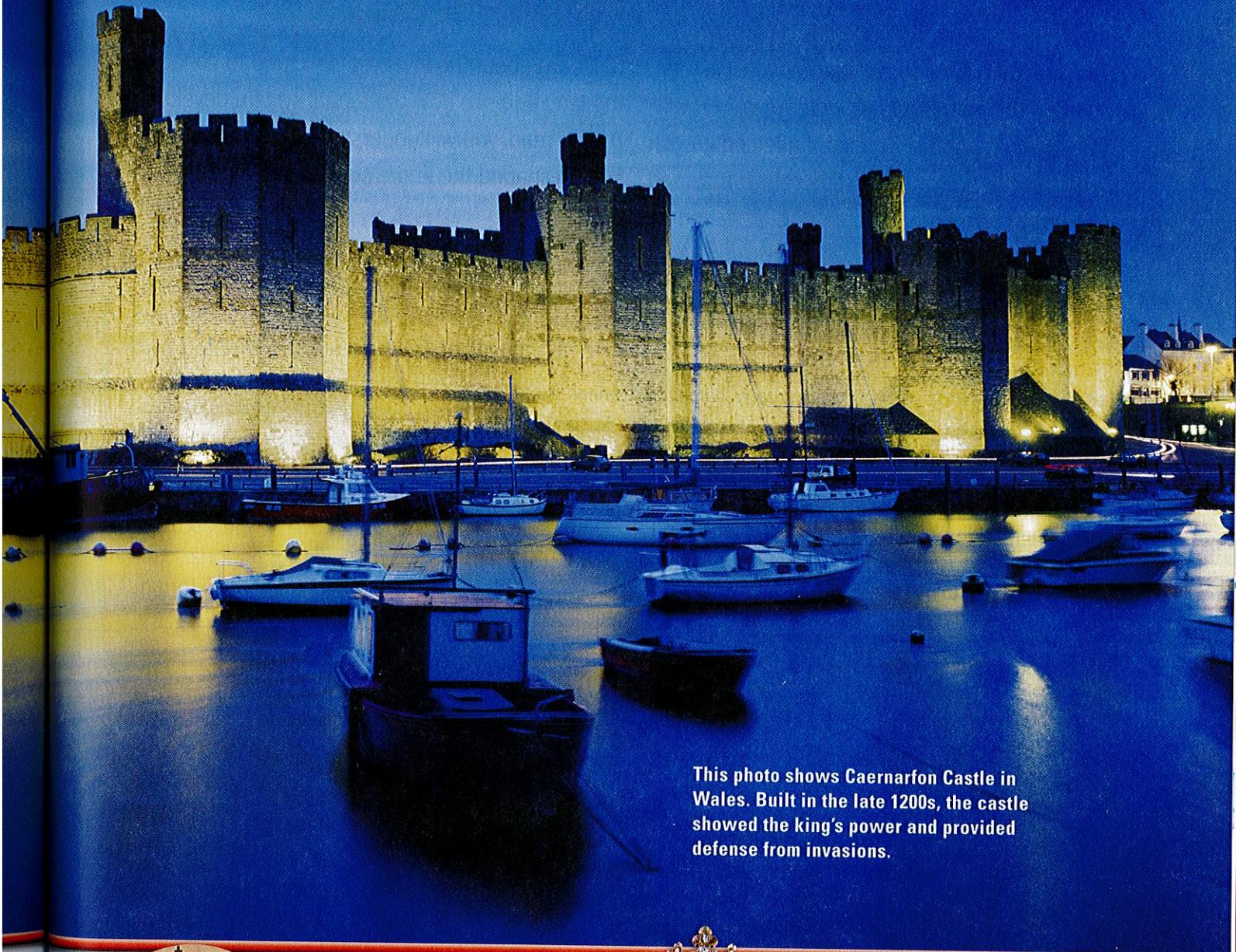
c. 430
Saint Patrick brings Christianity to Ireland.

CHAPTER EVENTS

400

WORLD EVENTS

476
Rome falls.



This photo shows Caernarfon Castle in Wales. Built in the late 1200s, the castle showed the king's power and provided defense from invasions.



700s–800s
The Vikings
raid
Europe.

800
Charlemagne
is crowned
emperor of
much of Europe.



1066
Feudalism is
introduced
into Britain.

600

800

1000

1200

613
Muhammad
begins
teaching
people
about Islam.

794
Heian
becomes
the capital
of Japan.



1000s
The Chinese
invent
gunpowder.

1076
Ghana falls
to Muslim
invaders.