

# The Medieval Church

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*Directions: As you read, answer the questions below.*

1. List at least three reasons people turned to the Church for comfort during Medieval times.
2. In 1054 there was a split in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church. The Church in the former western Roman Empire was centered in \_\_\_\_\_ and headed by the \_\_\_\_\_, while the Church in the Byzantine Empire was centered in \_\_\_\_\_ and led by the emperor.
3. List 10 roles the Church played in peoples' lives (use 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> pages to find answers.)
4. What happened to someone if they went against the Church? Explain why this would have been a horrible punishment for people then.
5. Put the following events about the conflict between Henry IV and Pope Gregory VII in order.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Henry goes to Italy to see the Pope  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pope Gregory excommunicates Henry  
\_\_\_\_\_ disagreement about who should appoint church officials  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pope Gregory forgives Henry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Henry's subjects rebel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pope says Henry's subjects don't have to obey him  
\_\_\_\_\_ Henry stands barefoot in the snow for three days waiting to see Gregory
6. How did the Church influence war?
7. What role did the Church play in education?
8. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate vocabulary words from the reading.
  - a. The head of the Church is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. If one was \_\_\_\_\_ they were kicked out of the Church.
  - c. A place where monks live, work and study is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The \_\_\_\_\_ forbade combat from Wednesday evening through Monday morning and on special holidays.
  - e. An \_\_\_\_\_ manuscript was a book that was decorated by hand, often by monks.

## MEDIEVAL RELIGION GLOSSARY

anti-semitism	
Canterbury Tales	By Geoffrey Chaucer; story of a group of pilgrims going to Canterbury Cathedral
convent	
crusade	
excommunication	
Gothic cathedral	"new" style of architecture with stained glass windows, flying buttresses
heresy	
illuminated manuscript	
indulgence	Promise of freedom from sin (lessened time in purgatory); could be purchased
Inquisition	Courts that accused people of heresy and often burned at the stake
monastery	
monk	
nun	
pilgrimage	
Pope	
Reconquista	Christians driving Muslims out of Spain (1100's-1492)
relic	
Romanesque cathedral	"old" style of architecture with thick walls, few windows
sacraments	Sacred rites believed to bring God's blessing
saint	Person who is considered holy and virtuous, become a saint after death
tithe	

