

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 at least 8 roles the Church played in peoples' lives (use 1st and 4th 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.

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Create an Illuminated Letter

In the space below, draw a large capital letter that might have represented the first letter on a page from an illuminated manuscript of the Middle Ages.

Within the borders of the letter, draw tiny pictures of your choice. You may either draw some of the objects mentioned in the narrative or think of others yourself. Use bright colors to illuminate both the letter and the objects you sketch within it. You can find examples of illuminated letters by looking in such sources as a book on the Middle Ages or an encyclopedia.

