

# GR 7 Unit 1 Europe During Medieval Times

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## Unit Overview

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### Unit Title: Medieval Europe

#### Chapter, Pacing, and Essential Questions:

##### 1. "The Legacy of the Roman Empire" (6 days)

To what extent have the contributions of ancient Rome influenced modern society?

##### 2. "The Development of Feudalism in Western Europe" (6 days)

How well did feudalism establish order in Europe in the Middle Ages?

##### 3. "The Roman Catholic Church in Medieval Europe" (6 days)

How influential was the Roman Catholic Church in medieval Europe?

##### 4. "Life in Medieval Towns" (6 days)

What was life like in medieval European towns?

##### 5. "The Decline of Feudalism" (6 days)

How did events in Europe contribute to the decline of feudalism and the rise of democratic thought?

##### 6. "The Byzantine Empire" (5 days)

How did the Byzantine Empire develop and form its own distinctive church?

## Standards

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SOC.6.2.8.CivicsDP.4.a

Cite evidence of the influence of medieval English legal and constitutional practices on modern democratic thought and institutions (i.e., the Magna Carta, parliament, the

development of habeas corpus, and an independent judiciary).

SOC.6.2.8.CivicsPI.4.a	Analyze the role of religion and other means rulers used to unify and centrally govern expanding territories with diverse populations.
SOC.6.2.8.EconGE.4.a	Analyze the immediate and long-term impact on China and Europe of the open exchange between Europe and the Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty.
SOC.6.2.8.EconNE.4.a	Compare and contrast the Japanese and European systems of feudalism and the effectiveness of each in promoting social, economic, and political order.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoGI.4.a	Determine how Africa's physical geography and natural resources presented challenges and opportunities for trade, development, and the spread of religion.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoHE.4.a	Explain how geography influenced the development of the political, economic, and cultural centers of each empire as well as the empires' relationships with other parts of the world.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoHE.4.b	Use geographic models to determine the impact of environmental modifications made by earlier civilizations on the current day environmental challenges.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoHE.4.c	Explain how the geographies and climates of Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas influenced their economic development and interaction or isolation with other societies.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoPP.4.a	Explain why the Arabian Peninsula's physical features and location made it the epicenter of Afro-Eurasian trade and fostered the spread of Islam into Africa, Europe, and Asia.
SOC.6.2.8.GeoPP.4.b	Assess how maritime and overland trade routes impacted urbanization, transportation, communication, and the development of international trade centers (i.e., the African caravan and Silk Road).
SOC.6.2.8.GeoPP.4.c	Use maps to show how the interaction between the Islamic world and medieval Europe increased trade, enhanced technology innovation and impacted science, thought, and the arts.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.a	Determine which events led to the rise and eventual decline of European feudalism.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.b	Explain how and why the interrelationships among improved agricultural production, population growth, urbanization, and commercialization led to the rise of powerful states and kingdoms (i.e., Europe, Asia, Americas).
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.c	Assess the demographic, economic, and religious impact of the plague on Europe.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.d	Analyze the causes and outcomes of the Crusades from different perspectives, including the perspectives of European political and religious leaders, the crusaders, Jews, Muslims, and traders.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.e	Determine the extent to which the Byzantine Empire influenced the Islamic world and western Europe.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.f	Analyze the role of religion and economics in shaping each empire's social hierarchy and evaluate the impact these hierarchical structures had on the lives of various groups of people.
SOC.6.2.8.HistoryCC.4.g	Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the people living Asia, Africa (Islam), Europe and the Americas over time.
	The principles of the United States government are based on political philosophies, ideas, and experiences of earlier governments.
	The production and consumption of goods and services influence economic growth, well-being and quality of life.
	Political and civil institutions impact all aspects of people's lives.
	The diffusion of ideas and cultural practices are impacted by the movement of people and advancements in transportation, communication, and technology.
	The environmental characteristics of places and production of goods influences the spatial patterns of world trade.

Historical events may have single, multiple, and direct and indirect causes and effects.

The physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to human identities and cultures.

Historical events and developments are shaped by social, political, cultural, technological, and economic factors.

Economic interdependence is impacted by increased specialization and trade.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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**Core materials:** History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond: [https://subscriptions.teachtci.com/staff/sign\\_in](https://subscriptions.teachtci.com/staff/sign_in)

History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond Primary Source Library:  
[https://subscriptions.teachtci.com/shared/programs/256/reference\\_materials?selected\\_unit\\_id=859&tag=Primary+Source+Library](https://subscriptions.teachtci.com/shared/programs/256/reference_materials?selected_unit_id=859&tag=Primary+Source+Library)

### **Supplemental Resources:**

Newsela Social Studies Compendium: <https://newsela.com/signin>

- "Eight Reasons Why Rome Fell"
- "Slavery in the Roman World"
- "The Dark Ages, Middle Ages, or Medieval Times?"
- "Medieval Women in Western Europe, c. A.D. 1000 - 1350"
- "Top Inventions of the Middle Ages"
- "Primary Source: The Black Death, 1348"
- "Women's Rights in the Byzantine Empire"

Flocabulary: [www.Flocabulary.com](http://www.Flocabulary.com)

- "Middle Age: Europe"
- "Forms of Government"

The most applicable grades for the **Amistad curriculum** units are offered here:

<http://www.njamistadcurriculum.net/history/units>

GRADES 5, 7 & 8    UNIT 2: INDIGENOUS CIVILIZATIONS OF THE AMERICAS (1000 -1600)

GRADES 6 & 7        UNIT 3: ANCIENT AFRICA (3000 B.C. - 1492)

GRADES 5, 7 & 8    UNIT 4: THE EMERGING ATLANTIC WORLD (NATIVE AMERICANS,

AFRICANS, EUROPEANS) (1200 -1700)

[NJ Mandated Curriculum Crosswalk Teacher Resources](#)

## **Technology**

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Full list on district teacher page

Map resources:

<https://mapmaker.nationalgeographic.org/>

<https://earth.google.com/web/>

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide

### **Summative Assessment**

- Lesson Tests
- Unit Tests
- RSTs
- Essays

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Leveled texts in NewsELA and TeachTCI (and Spanish available)

- Mixed Ability Grouping

## **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

## **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Leveled texts in NewsELA and TeachTCI (and Spanish available)
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- Leveled texts in NewsELA

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Cross-curricular: Writing in History Standards.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Noticing, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Growth Mindset, Belonging

## **21st Century Life Literacies & Key Skills**

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Financial Health

Financial Landscape

Money Management

Career Awareness and Planning

Creativity and Innovation

Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

Digital Citizenship

Global and Cultural Awareness

Information and Media Literacy

Technology Literacy

Standards in Action: Climate Change

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.