**Section VI: Islam and the Middle Ages**

**Day 5: Black Plague and The Hundred Years War**

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**Key Vocabulary Terms:**

Gothic Architecture:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bubonic Plague:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Longbow:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joan of Arc:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Architecture

The Middle Ages gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A key feature of this style was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or stone supports that stood outside the church. These supports allowed builders to construct higher walls and leave space for huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Cities all over Europe competed to build grander, taller cathedrals. The religious faithful contributed money, labor, and skills to help build these monuments. As churches rose, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ carved sculptures to decorate them inside and out.

The Black Death

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a disease that spread by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Bubonic plague had broken out before in Europe, Asia, and North Africa but eventually subsided. However, one strain of the disease had survived in Mongolia.

In the 1200s, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conquered much of Asia, probably setting off the new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or outbreak of rapid-spreading disease. This disease would eventually go on to decimate the populations of Europe and Asia.

During the Middle Ages, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the rich and powerful. Since there was such an abundance of rats, no one took any notice of them. In the early 1300s, rats scurrying through crowded Chinese cities spread the plague, which killed about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Fleas jumped from those rats to infest the clothes and packs of traders \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As a result, the disease spread from Asia to the Middle East. At it’s peak, the plague killed about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people a day.

The plague sent Europe into a panic as people had no way to stop the disease. Some people turned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for cures. Others went about indulging themselves because they figured they would die soon anyway.

Still, others saw the plague as God’s punishment. Some people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to show that they repented their sins. Some Christians blamed Jews for the plague, charging that they had poisoned the wells. Many Jews were murdered because of this.

Treatment Methods

Treatment against the plague varied and was based largely on superstition. Medicine during this time period was extremely poor. Some people claimed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many towns began to ring their church bells in response to this superstition.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was one of the more popular forms of treatment. This involved the withdrawal of little quantities of blood from a patient to cure or prevent illness and disease. Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were put on buboes to suck the infected blood out of a person’s body.

The Hundred Years’ War

On top of the disasters of famine, plague, and economic decline came a long, destructive war. Between 1137 and 1453, England and France fought a series of conflicts, known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This war started because of past rivalries between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At the start of the war the English won a string of victories. They owed much of their success to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wielded by English archers.

This powerful new weapon was six feet long and took years to master. But it could discharge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the time a French archer with his crossbow fired just one, and its arrows pierced all but the heaviest armor.

The English victories took a heavy toll on French morale. England, it seemed, was likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Then, in what seemed to be to the French a miracle, their fortunes were reversed.

In 1429, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, appeared at the court of Charles VII, the uncrowned king of France. She told Charles that God had sent her to save France. She persuaded the desperate French king to let her lead his army against the English.

To Charles’s amazement, Joan inspired the battered and despairing French troops to fight anew. In an astonishing year of campaigning, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the English.

Joan paid for success with her life. She was taken captive by allies of the English and turned over to her enemies for trial. She was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Much later, however, the Church declared her a saint.

The execution of Joan rallied the French, who saw her as a martyr. After Joan’s death, the French took the offensive. With a powerful new weapon, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they attacked English held castles and all but pushed them out of France.

The Hundred Years’ War \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. England lost all hope of conquering the French mainland and turned their attention overseas.

The Hundred Years’ War brought many changes to the late medieval world. The longbow and cannon gave common soldiers a new importance on the battlefield and diminished the value of armored knights. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because their defenses could not stand up to the more deadly firepower. Monarchs now needed large armies, not feudal vassals, to fight their wars.