The Early Middle Ages

The Early Middle Ages began in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and lasted around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The fall of Rome had a great impact upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Europe leaving the empire weak against invasions. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms took over Roman lands. Hundreds of little kingdoms took the place of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Europe. Constant warfare disrupted trade. Kingdoms were always at war with one another. People lost interest in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Roman Catholic Church

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acted as the civilizing force in Western Europe. Catholic missionaries set out to spread \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the barbaric lands. The most famous and successful was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he established Catholic churches throughout the land.

The Franks

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at the age of 15, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to rule the Franks. After a battle with a Germanic army, he converted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saw an opportunity to ally against the Germanic peoples. By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he ruled most of modern day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mayors of the Palace

The power of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kings dwindled. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the man behind the king. He extended the power of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Upon his death, he passed his power on to his son, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Pepin the Short

He was not content to be the power behind the king. He obtained the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blessing for seizing the throne. The Pope declared him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Kings now had spiritual authority. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kings and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ popes entered into an informal alliance.

Charlemagne

Upon Pepin’s death in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, his son Charlemagne became king of the Franks. Unlike his father, he was a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He commanded his armies and fought in the front line. By 800, the Frankish kingdom included two-thirds of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, present-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a small part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Larger than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empire. He was the most powerful king in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Holy Roman Emperor”

After aiding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he was crowned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He was equal to the Byzantine emperor.

The end of the Charlemagne reign

At Charlemagne’s death, his son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ succeeded him as king and emperor. A deeply religious man and an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruler. Upon his death, the kingdom was split between the three sons. Louis the German ruled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Charles the Bald ruled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the oldest son took the title and the remaining land. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was signed ending the fight over the empire.