

A Compendium of Christendom



Middle Christendom European Adolescence 800-1200

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Review of the Overview

- Thesis
- Dark : Geography



The Bubonic Plague: Symbol of the “Dark Ages”

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- The People Perspective
 - Advent
- The Birth, Maturation, and Climax of Christendom.



Scene from a medieval market butcher shop











Growing Pains: 900-1000

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- Viking invasions



Romanticized caricature of a Scandinavian Warrior

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 - Many institutions destroyed or put on hold
- Charlemagne's dream not realized
 - Yet....



12th Century Rendition of Danish Seamen

Growth Spurt: 1000-1200



The “Wheeled”, “Moldboard”, or “Heavy” Plow

- Peace
- Agricultural Developments
- Global Warming
- Lead to:
 - Population Boom
 - Towns
 - Specialization
 - Guilds.

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The Parson from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*

- Lots of people, lots of mess
- Education: These People Need Pastors
 - Metropolitan Bishop to Parish Parson
- Empire to Diverse Civilization
 - Control of the Church
- Reform
 - Morals
 - Ignorance
 - Corruption.

Innocent III: The European Dermatologist

- The Prescription: Reformation through Papal Power
 - House, Land, Europe
 - Church and State
- Lateran IV – 1215
 - Education
 - Pastoral Care
 - Celibacy of Clergy
 - Election of Bishops
 - Simony
- Mendicants and Crusades, and Universities.



Pope Innocent III – 1198-1216

Conclusion: On the Doorstep of Adulthood



A Medieval Classroom

- Three Misconceptions
 - Transubstantiation
 - Clerical Celibacy
 - Papal Power
- On to Maturity: 1200-1500.