Chapter 7 Study Guide

1. Why were the Middle Ages first known as the “Dark Ages”?
2. The culture of the Middle Ages was called what? What does this name mean?
3. List and describe the 4 ways the Franks were different from the Romans.
4. Who was the king of the Franks?
5. What 2 important consequences did Clovis’ conversion to Christianity have?
6. Briefly describe the Battle of Tours. (Who fought? Who won? Importance?)
7. Charles Martel became known by what 2 other names?
8. What important consequence did Charles Martel’s conquests have?
9. Explain the enormous significance of Charlemagne being crowned Emperor of Rome. Be specific!
10. The Pope’s crowning of Charlemagne has what major *lasting* effect?
11. Gaul is the land of Charlemagne and is today known as what country?
12. Describe the missi dominici.
13. Describe the Treaty of Verdun. What did it do?
14. Describe Charlemagne’s lasting legacy.
15. Briefly describe the Vikings.

1. What caused Feudalism to evolve?
2. Describe feudalism. Tell why it developed. Tell who was involved in it. Tell what the role of each person was.
3. Define vassal.
4. Define fief.
5. Define aristocrat.
6. ***For medieval nobles, warfare was a way of life.***
7. Define knight.
8. At what age did boys begin knight training?
9. Tournaments were held for what purpose?
10. What 3 “purposes” did castles serve?
11. What role did noblewomen play in medieval society?
12. Who was a leading noblewoman during the medieval times?
13. Describe the 3 “rules” of chivalry.
14. Why was chivalry important?
15. Define manor.
16. Describe serfs.
17. Describe the obligations of peasants in the feudal system. (Part of #17)
18. Describe the obligations of lords in the feudal system. (Part of #17)
19. List and describe the 3 new types of technology that peasants developed. (Be able to recognize these!)
20. How did the increase in trade lead to the establishment of more towns and cities?
21. Define charter.
22. How did the use of money undermine serfdom?
23. Describe the middle class?
24. Explain what merchants guilds did?
25. Define apprentice.
26. Most guild members became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
27. Why were guilds important in town life?